

# National Four Tropical Weeds Eradication Program

## PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Four Tropical Weeds Eradication Program in 2012-13 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the Queensland Government, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Four Tropical Weeds Eradication Program is being conducted as a National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement-like (NEBRA-like) arrangement as agreed by the Natural Resource Ministerial Management Council in 2009.
3. The emergency response plan and budget is approved by the National Management Group in accordance with the NEBRA.
4. Financial commitments are approved by Standing Council on Primary Industries subject to jurisdictional budgetary considerations.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the National Four Tropical Weeds Eradication Program in accordance with the provisions of the NEBRA.

## PART 2: FORMALITIES

6. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Queensland.
7. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Queensland ministers with portfolio responsibility for agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and will expire on 30 June 2013 or on completion or termination of the National Four Tropical Weeds Eradication Program as determined by the National Management Group, including acceptance of the final Project Report and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.

## PART 3: PROJECT ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

8. The project elements for the National Four Tropical Weeds Eradication Program are:
  - (a) *Surveillance and treatment*
    - i. Monitor for the presence and/or absence of the six<sup>1</sup> target weed species
    - ii. Determine the extent of the infestation area including dispersal buffer and areas considered at risk of spread

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<sup>1</sup> The National Four Tropical Weed Eradication Program targets eradication of the following species: *Clidemia hirta*, *Limnocharis flava*, *Miconia calvescens*, *Miconia nervosa*, *Miconia racemosa* and *Mikania micrantha*.

- iii. Apply best practice methods (effective and environmentally sound) to reduce plant populations where detected
- (b) *Community engagement*
  - i. Engage with a number of broad stakeholder groups
  - ii. Consultation with industry groups, public education and passive delimitation including activities to encourage awareness, identification, reporting and containment measures.
- (c) *Science*
  - i. Research activities to provide accurate information on the control methods, local ecology, reproductive biology, seed bank dynamics and dispersal of the target species in invaded ecosystems.
- (d) *Containment (risk management and security)*
  - i. Continue activities to achieve containment including signage, vendor hygiene declarations and active promotion of best practice weed spread prevention techniques.

9. To qualify for the associated payment, Queensland must meet the following milestones:

**Table 1: Milestones**

Milestone	Due date	Payment
Acceptance by the National Management Group of the 2011-12 Annual Report which outlines progress made towards the above project elements.	December 2012	\$794,000
Submission to the National Management Group of a draft 2013-14 annual work plan which outlines the implementation of the above project elements and a forward budget.	May 2013	

## PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 10. Queensland will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1 above and will be provided to the National Management Group as required.
- 11. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the NEBRA.

## PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 12. The agreed financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to the Queensland Government for the National Four Tropical Weeds Eradication Program is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out Table 1. All payments are provided directly to Queensland and are exclusive of GST.

**Table 2: Agreed financial contributions**

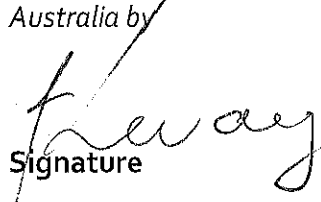
Jurisdiction	2012-13 (\$)
Commonwealth	794,000
Queensland	500,220
Northern Territory	77,747
New South Wales	79,400
Western Australia	7,940
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,459,307</b>

## PART 6: SIGN OFF

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this Schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of  
Australia by

Signature

  
Senator The Honourable Joe Ludwig  
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Senator for Queensland

Date

6/5/2013

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland  
by

Signature

The Honourable John McVeigh MP  
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Date

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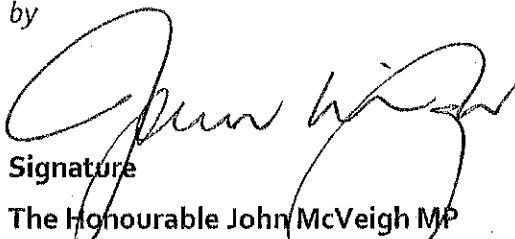
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