

National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program – 2016-17 to 2019-20

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program from 2016-17 to 2018-19 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to Victoria, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program is being conducted under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) as agreed by the National Management Group (NMG) on 25 November 2010.
3. Financial commitments are approved by the NMG subject to budget considerations. The *Chestnut Blight Response Plan v3.5* budget was approved on 5 June 2017 in accordance with the EPPRD.
4. If required, this Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the eradication program in accordance with the provisions of the EPPRD.

PART 2: FORMALITIES

5. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and Victoria.
6. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Victorian ministers with portfolio responsibility for national biosecurity emergency management, and will expire on 30 June 2020, or upon completion or termination of the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program as determined by the NMG, including endorsement of the final progress report and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.
7. This Schedule replaces the Schedule on the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program which was agreed on 3 June 2015.

PART 3: PROJECT ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

8. The project elements for the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program are as described in the Chestnut Blight Response V3.5. Victoria is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan:
 - (a) Maintain the two-year host free period including:
 - i. Monitoring of infected properties where host material has been removed for quarterly host plant regrowth and ensuring this material is burnt on removal;

- ii. Survey remaining host material within each quarantine area twice annually; and,
 - iii. Survey the rest of the restricted area and a selection of high-risk groves once annually over two-years.
- (b) Completion of the final third-year survey of newly re-planted and established plantings including a selection from the restricted area and from high-risk groves to confirm proof-of-freedom status.

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

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
2015-16 Annual Report endorsed by the CCEPP as achieving satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan.	May 2017	\$44,685.60
2016-17 Annual Report endorsed by the CCEPP as achieving satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan.	May 2018	Up to \$90,780
Final report demonstrating completion of outputs under the agreed eradication response plan.	May 2019	Up to \$87,780

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 10. Victoria will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1 above.
- 11. Victoria will provide a final report demonstrating completion of the eradication program in 2019-20 within three months of completion.
- 12. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the EPPRD.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 13. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program is outlined in Table 2 and 3 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out Table 1. All payments are exclusive of GST.
- 14. Where the Industry Party is not able to meet its cost sharing obligations either directly, or from funds held on its behalf, the Commonwealth will initially meet that Industry Party's Cost Sharing obligations as set out in section 10.4.2 of the EPPRD. Each Industry Party will subsequently meet its cost sharing obligations to the Commonwealth, arising as a consequence of the Commonwealth meeting Industry Party obligations pursuant to clause 10.4.2, as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the EPPRD (Section 10.4.3).

Table 2: Financial contribution for 2016-17 financial year

	2016-17 Budget (0)	Total Budget
Commonwealth contribution	29,790.40	29,790.40
Chestnuts, Australia*	14,895.20	14,895.20
Total Commonwealth Liability	44,685.60	44,685.60

Table 3: Estimated financial contributions from 2017-2019

	2017-18 (0)	2018-19 (0)	Total Budget
Commonwealth contribution	60,520	58,520	119,040
Chestnuts Australia*	30,260	29,260	59,520
Total Commonwealth Liability	90,780	87,780	178,560

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

Date 15.8.18

The Honourable David Littleproud MP
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by



Signature

Date 11/9/18

The Honourable Janis Pofford MLC
Minister for Agriculture