

National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program in 2012-13 and 2013-14 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the Victorian Government, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program is a Category 2 plant pest under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) as agreed by the National Management Group in 2010.
3. The emergency response plan and budget is approved by the National Management Group in accordance with the EPPRD.
4. Financial commitments are approved by the National Management Group subject to jurisdictional budgetary considerations.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program in accordance with the provisions of the EPPRD.

PART 2: FORMALITIES

6. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria.
7. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Victorian ministers with portfolio responsibility for agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and will expire on 30 June 2014 or on completion or termination of the National Chestnut Blight 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 2012-13 and 2013-14 work plans are as follows:
 - (a) Complete the two-year host free period including:
 - i. Monitoring of infected properties where host material has been removed quarterly for host plant regrowth and ensuring this material is destroyed
 - ii. Monitoring of infected properties quarterly for signs of disease on host material remaining on these properties
 - iii. Surveying remaining host material within each quarantine area twice annually
 - iv. Surveying the rest of the restricted area including a selection of high risk groves once annually.

- (b) Completion of the final third year survey of newly re-planted and established plantings within each quarantine area and a selection of high risk groves in the restricted area 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 |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| Acceptance by the National Management Group of the 2011-12 Annual Report which outlines progress made towards the above project elements. | December 2012 | \$229,957 |
| Acceptance by the National Management Group of the 2013-14 Annual Work Plan which outlines the implementation of the above project elements and a forward budget | May 2013 | |
| Acceptance by the National Management Group of the 2012-13 Annual Report which outlines progress made towards the above project elements. | December 2013 | \$149,813 |
| Acceptance by the National Management Group of the final program report on completion of outputs under the agreed eradication response plan | May 2014 | |

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

10. Victoria 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 EPPRD.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

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

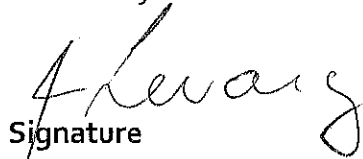
Table 2: Agreed financial contributions

| Jurisdiction | % | 2012-13 \$ | 2013-14 \$ | Total \$ |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Commonwealth | 50.0 | 229,957 | 149,813 | 379,770 |
| New South Wales | 7.5 | 34,493 | 22,472 | 56,965 |
| Victoria | 40.0 | 183,965 | 119,850 | 303,815 |
| Western Australia | 1.3 | 5,749 | 3,745 | 9,494 |
| South Australia | 1.3 | 5,749 | 3,745 | 9,494 |
| Total | 100.0 | 459,913 | 299,625 | 759,538 |

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 6/5/2013

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

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by

Signature

Date

**The Honourable Peter Walsh MLA
Minister for Agriculture and Food Security**

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Date 14.4.2013

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