

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 from 2012-13 to 2014-15 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 expires on 30 2016 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.
8. This Schedule replaces the Schedule on the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program which was agreed on 6 May 2013.

PART 3: PROJECT ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

9. The project elements for the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program are as follows:
 - (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
 - 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.

10. 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.	May 2014	\$ 59925
Acceptance by the National Management Group of the 2013-14 Annual Report which outlines progress made towards the above project elements.	June 2014	\$ 59925
Acceptance by the National Management Group of the final programme report on completion of outputs under the agreed eradication response plan.	June 2015	\$29 963

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

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

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

13. 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

Commonwealth contribution	2012-2013 (\$)	2013-14 (\$)	2014-15 (\$)	Total Budget
	\$229,957	\$119 850	\$29 963	\$379 770

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 26-6-14

**The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Agriculture**

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by

Signature



Date 24.6.2014

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

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