

National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program – South East Queensland 2016-17

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the national red imported fire ant eradication program (South East Queensland) in 2016-17 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to Queensland, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The national red imported fire ant eradication program is being conducted as a National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement-like (NEBRA-like) response, as agreed by the Primary Industries Ministerial Council in 2009.
3. The response plan *Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program Response Plan 2013-2018* is approved by the National Management Group (NMG) in accordance with the NEBRA on 14 April 2014.
4. The financial commitments are approved by the Agriculture Ministers' Forum (AGMIN) subject to budget considerations. The 2016-17 budget was approved by AGMIN on 20 May 2016.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the national red imported fire ant eradication program.
6. This Schedule continues Schedule D for the national red imported fire ant eradication program 2015-16 signed on 7 June 2016.

PART 2: FORMALITIES

7. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and Queensland.
8. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Queensland ministers with portfolio responsibility for national biosecurity emergency management. It will expire on 30 June 2017 or on completion or termination of the national red imported fire ant eradication program as determined by the NMG, including the endorsement 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

9. The project elements of the eradication program are described in the *Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program Response Plan 2013-2018*.
 - a. Surveillance
 - i. Targeted surveillance around infestations detected outside the core infested area to enable delimitation and a focussed response;

- b. Treatment
 - i. Targeted treatment in areas of high density infestation, disturbed land and high risk areas.
 - ii. Treatment around areas of infestation will include multiple rounds of treatment with the aim of eradicating infestation in outlying areas and reducing the density of infestation in the core infested area.
- c. Containment
 - i. Containment achieved through community and industry compliance with movement controls preventing human-assisted spread beyond the biosecurity zone(s).

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

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
Annual progress report (2015-16) demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan	May 2017	Up to \$8,013,500

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 11. Queensland will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1.
- 12. Reporting may also be required under the NEBRA-like arrangements.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 13. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the national red imported fire ant eradication program is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 1. All payments are exclusive of GST.

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

	2016-17
Commonwealth	\$8,013,500

PART 6: SIGN OFF

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

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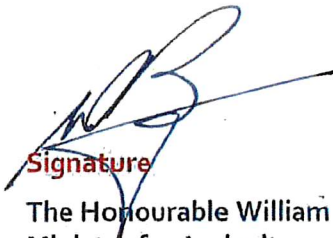


Date 14-7-17

Signature

The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by



Date 30 Jan 17

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The Honourable William Byrne MP
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries