

# National Siam Weed Eradication Program

## PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Siam Weed Eradication Program in July to December 2012 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the Queensland Government, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Siam Weed 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 Siam Weed 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 Siam Weed 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 orderly wind-down of the program are as follows:
  - (a) *Stakeholder engagement and management*
    - i. To ensure that all key stakeholders have an improved understanding of the major challenges that are preventing the successful eradication of Siam weed and accept the need to transition from an eradication program to a management program.
  - (b) *Development of a transitional management plan*
    - i. To develop a transitional management plan through consultation with key local government, industry peak bodies, major land management agencies and stakeholder groups.

(c) *Wind-back of eradication operational activities*

- i. To wind back eradication operation activities in an orderly way, only retaining activities that are critical to slowing the spread of the weed.
9. To qualify for the associated payment, Queensland must meet the following milestones:

**Table 1: Milestones**

Milestones	Due date	Payment
Acceptance by the National Management Group of the final program report on completion of outputs under the agreed eradication response plan	May 2013	\$272,100

## 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 maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to the Queensland Government for July to December 2012 is \$272,100 as set out in Table 2 below and payable in accordance with the milestones set out Table 1. All payments are provided directly to Queensland and exclusive of GST.

**Table 2: Agreed financial contributions**

Jurisdiction	%	Jul-Dec 2012* \$
Commonwealth	50.0	272,100
Queensland	28.0	152,376
Northern Territory	14.0	76,188
Western Australia	6.0	32,652
New South Wales #	2.0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>533,316</b>

\* Funding is not being provided beyond December 2012.

# New South Wales did not contribute to the program beyond 2011-12.

## 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 Queensland  
by

Signature

Date

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

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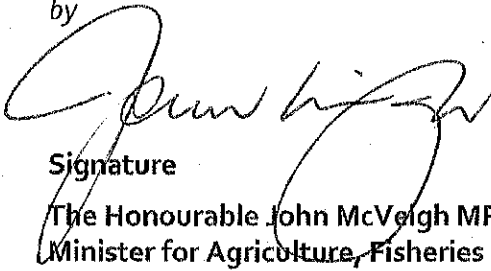
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**Signature**

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