

# Long-term Containment Strategy for Exotic Fruit Flies in the Torres Strait

## PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the Long-term Containment Strategy for Exotic Fruit Flies in the Torres Strait (the TSFF Strategy) and facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the Queensland Government, the lead state for the response elements of the TSFF Strategy.
2. Primary oversight of the TSFF Strategy is undertaken by the national Plant Health Committee (PHC), which reports on the Strategy through the National Biosecurity Committee to the Primary Industries Standing Committee. The TSFF Strategy and cost-sharing arrangements for the response components identified in that Strategy were most recently agreed to by the Primary Industries Standing Committee in March 2012.
3. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the TSFF Strategy as directed by the Primary Industries Standing Committee.

## PART 2: FORMALITIES

4. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and State of Queensland.
5. 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 expire on 30 June 2014 or on completion or termination of the TSFF Strategy as agreed by Primary Industries Standing Committee, 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

6. This Schedule will outline the program of work for the TSFF Strategy according to work plans and funding arrangements that have been approved by the Primary Industries Standing Committee.
7. The project elements for the work plan are as follows:

(a) *Monitoring*

Through the Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS), the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry undertakes year-round trapping on the Torres Strait islands targeting six exotic fruit fly species. The level of trapping, trap clearance and diagnostic work resulting varies with seasonal fruit fly pressure, and is in accordance with agreed levels established by the technical advisory panel advising PHC on the Strategy. This trapping activity is supported by border quarantine and public awareness activities undertaken by NAQS, and by incubation of host fruit from selected islands to further monitor fruit fly numbers

and species present. All of these activities are undertaken as part of Commonwealth Government “normal commitments”, and **are not** cost-shared.

(b) *Incursion Response*

Proactive block placement on the northern Torres Strait Islands to annihilate male fruit flies is undertaken at an agreed point in each season by the Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Once monitoring trap catches exceed agreed numbers on various islands, bait spraying and additional trapping are implemented on the affected islands by NAQS on behalf of the Queensland Department. These activities undertaken by NAQS and the Queensland Department **are** cost-shared.

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

**Table 1: Milestones**

Milestone	Due date	Payment
All details of expenditure incurred in delivering agreed response elements of the TSFF Strategy reported to the Technical Advisory Panel	31 August annually	Up to \$200,000 per annum

## PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

9. Queensland will report to the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) on the implementation of response elements of the TSFF Strategy, and the costs incurred in this implementation.
10. The TAP will report to PHC at its annual November meeting on the activities undertaken under the Strategy during the preceding financial year, to allow PHC to report to and request funding agreement from the National Biosecurity Committee and Primary Industries Standing Committee at their subsequent meetings.

## PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

11. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to Queensland is \$200,000 annually. Queensland will invoice the Commonwealth in arrears for their agreed percentage as set out in Table 2 of the actual costs incurred in delivering the cost-shared elements of the Strategy. All payments are exclusive of GST.

**Table 2: Percentage cost-sharing for the TSFF Strategy**

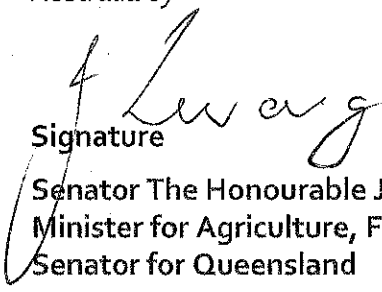
Jurisdiction	%
Commonwealth	50.0
New South Wales	10.2
Victoria	12.6
Queensland	15.4
Western Australia	3.7
South Australia	6.3
Tasmania	1.3
Northern Territory	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## PART 6: SIGN OFF

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

**Signed** for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of  
Australia by

Signature

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

Date

6/5/2013

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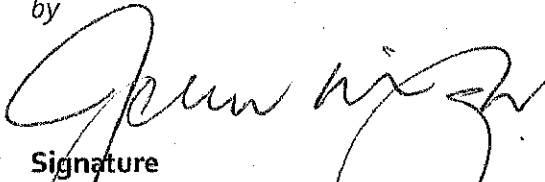
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