

Wildlife Exotic Disease Preparedness Program

PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is for the delivery of agreed activities for the Exotic Disease Preparedness Program and facilitates the Commonwealth's contribution to projects agreed by the Wildlife Exotic Disease Preparedness Program's National Management Committee.
2. This Schedule will be reviewed annually following the Wildlife Exotic Disease Preparedness Program's National Management Committee's decisions.

PART 1 – FORMALITIES

Parties to this Schedule

3. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth, New South Wales and Queensland.

Term of the Schedule

4. This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party signs the Agreement and will expire on 30 June 2014 or once the project is complete, including acceptance of the final Project Report and processing of final payments, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.

PART 2: PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

5. The projects to be delivered under this Schedule are as follows:
 - (a) *Project 1 A biogeographic and ecological approach to wildlife health surveillance in Sahul*
 - i. Development of wildlife health capacity in Papua New Guinea to identify key risks for disease emergence and wildlife incidents, to limit risks to Australia.
 - (b) *Project 2 Preparing for rabies: incursion pathways among free-ranging and domestic dogs*
 - i. Parameters for models of rabies transmission in Australia, and quantification of free-roaming dog behaviours, using likely scenarios of northern Australian introduction to use in preparedness planning for rabies incursions.
 - (c) *Project 3 The National Avian Influenza Wild Bird (NAIWB) Surveillance Program*
 - i. To undertake targeted avian influenza surveillance and general avian influenza surveillance.
 - (d) *Project 4 Identification of Lyssavirus variants in Australian microbats*
 - i. This project will adopt an intentionally biased disease detection strategy by using available sensitive broad spectrum lyssavirus tests to test the most

sensitive diagnostic brain tissue in the subpopulation of microbats most likely to have Australian bat lyssavirus.

- (e) *Project 5 Development of a reporting and analysis tool for national wildlife health datasets*
 - i. This project will develop a data reporting and analysis tool for the national wildlife health datasets in the Electronic Wildlife Health Information System.

Milestones

6. To qualify for the associated payment, States must meet the following milestones:

Table 1: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

| Output | Milestones | Date due | Relevant Report due | Payment |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Project One New South Wales | Acceptance of formal advice of establishment of project and outcomes to date* | 28/02/2014 | | \$35,000 |
| Project Two New South Wales | Acceptance of, formal advice of establishment of project and outcomes to date* | 28/02/2014 | | \$80,000 |
| Project Three New South Wales | Acceptance of formal advice of establishment of project and outcomes to date* | 28/02/2014 | | \$146,255 |
| Project Four Queensland | Acceptance of formal advice of establishment of project and outcomes to date* | 28/02/2014 | | \$48,745 |
| Project Five New South Wales | Acceptance of formal advice of establishment of project and outcomes to date* | 28/02/2014 | | \$22,000 |
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* Initial, formal advice should be in the form of a letter to the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture signed by senior official/s in the relevant New South Wales and Queensland departments. Where appropriate, the letter should be accompanied by any evidence of the establishment of the project and outcomes to date.

Reporting arrangements

7. New South Wales and Queensland will prepare a final technical report to be submitted by 15 May 2014 and accepted by the Commonwealth, for each project under this Schedule. The final report will be a stand-alone document that can be used for public information. It will:
 - (a) describe the conduct, benefits and outcomes of the Project(s);
 - (b) evaluate the Project(s) from the responsible Party's perspective, including assessing the extent to which the project milestones have been achieved and why any aspect was not achieved; and
 - (c) include a discussion of any other matters relating to the project, limited to the minimum necessary for the affective assessment of performance, which the Commonwealth notifies the States should be included in the final project report at least 60 days before it is due.

PART 3 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

8. The Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution to the States of \$332,000 in respect of this Agreement. All payments are GST exclusive.
9. The Commonwealth's funding contribution will not be reduced where the States secure funding from other activity partners through innovative and collaborative partnerships.

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

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|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Project One | 2013-14 |
| Estimated total budget | \$47,000 |
| Less estimated National Partnership Payments | \$35,000 |
| Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions | \$12,000 |
| Project Two | 2013-14 |
| Estimated total budget | \$210,700 |
| Less estimated National Partnership Payments | \$80,000 |
| Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions | \$130,700 |
| Project Three | 2013-14 |
| Estimated total budget | \$400,590 |
| Less estimated National Partnership Payments | \$146,255 |
| Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions | \$254,335 |
| Project Four | 2013-14 |
| Estimated total budget | \$133,616 |
| Less estimated National Partnership Payments | \$48,745 |
| Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions | \$84,871 |
| Project Five | 2013-14 |
| Estimated total budget | \$35,000 |
| Less estimated National Partnership Payments | \$22,000 |
| Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions | \$13,000 |

10. Having regard to the agreed estimated costs of projects specified in a Project Agreement, New South Wales and Queensland will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the project is less than the agreed estimated cost of the project. Similarly, the States bear all risk should the costs of a project exceed the agreed estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for the States to deliver projects cost effectively and efficiently.

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

Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Agriculture

.....12.....April 2014

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of New South Wales by

The Honourable Robyn Parker MP
Minister for the Environment

.....December 2013

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The Honourable Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Minister for Primary Industries

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The Honourable John McVeigh MP
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Minister for the Environment

Date: 26/2/14

*Signed for and on behalf of the
State of New South Wales by*



The Honourable Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Minister for Primary Industries

Date: 4.2.14

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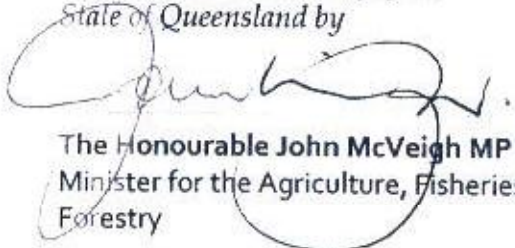
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8th February 2014