

Wildlife Exotic Disease Preparedness Program

PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the Exotic Disease Preparedness Program and facilitate 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 and New South Wales.

Term of the Schedule

4. This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and New South Wales signs this Schedule and will expire on 30 June 2013 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 Australian Wildlife Health Network*
 - i. Surveillance data and surveillance tools for wild and feral animals, for management of wildlife health risks to production animal and human health.
 - (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 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.
 - (d) *Project 4 Social analysis of the Australian Wildlife Health Network Digest readership between populations*

- i. Improvement in the understanding of the impact of the AWHN Digest for decision makers in areas of emergency disease preparedness, analysis and foresighting; exploration of the capacity of the publication to strengthen Australia's biosecurity and preparedness for diseases with wildlife as part of their ecology.

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	Acceptance of formal advice of establishment of project and outcomes to date*	28/02/2013		\$200,000
Project Two	Acceptance of, formal advice of establishment of project and outcomes to date*	28/02/2013		\$31,000
Project Three	Acceptance of formal advice of establishment of project and outcomes to date*	28/02/2013		\$64,000
Project Four	Acceptance of formal advice of establishment of project and outcomes to date*	28/02/2013		\$32,000

* Initial, formal advice should be in the form of a letter to the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry signed by senior official/s in the relevant New South Wales 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 will prepare a final technical report to be submitted by 15 May 2013 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 \$327,000 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.

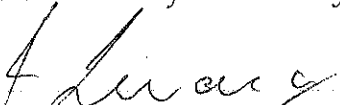
Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

Project One	2012-13
Estimated total budget	\$1,948,978
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	\$200,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	\$1,748,728
Project Two	2012-13
Estimated total budget	\$302,716
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	\$64,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	\$238,716
Project Three	2012-13
Estimated total budget	\$34,250
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	\$31,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	\$3,250
Project Four	2012-13
Estimated total budget	\$56,700
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	\$32,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	\$24,700

10. Having regard to the agreed estimated costs of projects specified in a Project Agreement, New South Wales 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**



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

..... *6th* May 2013

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

The Honourable Robyn Parker MP
Minister for the Environment

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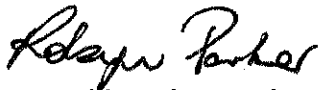
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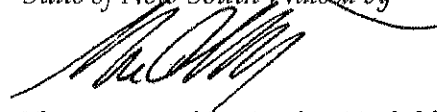
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The Honourable Robyn Parker MP
Minister for the Environment

16th April 2013
May

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State of New South Wales by*



The Honourable Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Minister for Primary Industries

17th April 2013
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