

# National Banana Freckle Eradication Program 2017-18 to 2019-20

## PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Banana Freckle (*Phyllosticta cavendishii*) Eradication Program from 2017-18 to 2018-19 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the Northern Territory, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Banana Freckle Eradication Program is being conducted under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD), as agreed by the National Management Group (NMG) on 28 January 2014.
3. Financial commitments are approved by the NMG subject to budget considerations. The *National Banana Freckle Eradication Response Plan v12.2* budget was approved by the NMG on 11 May 2017 in accordance with the EPPRD.
4. If required, this Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the eradication program in accordance with the provisions of the EPPRD.

## PART 2: FORMALITIES

5. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and the Northern Territory.
6. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Northern Territory ministers with portfolio responsibility for national biosecurity emergency management, and will expire on 30 June 2020, or upon completion or termination of the National Banana Freckle Eradication Program as determined by the NMG, including the final progress report and processing of final payments against milestones, unless otherwise terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.
7. This Schedule replaces the previous Schedule J for the national banana freckle eradication program which was executed on 18 May 2016.

## PART 3: PROJECT ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

8. The project elements for the eradication program are described in the *National Banana Freckle Eradication Response Plan v12.2*. The Northern Territory is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan :
  - (a) Phase 1 - Destruction and Eradication
    - i. Surveillance within zones for properties with host material.

- ii. Destruction of all host material irrespective of infection within prescribed zones correlating to discrete geographic areas of infection, with a maximum of two visits per property.
  - iii. Targeted surveillance outside zones for *P. cavendishii*.
  - iv. Movement restrictions, compliance enforcement and tracing.
- (b) Phase 2 – Host Free Period, following completion of Phase 1 for at least 6 months including a full wet season
- i. Surveillance within zones for regrowth of host material.
  - ii. Targeted surveillance outside zones for *P. cavendishii*.
  - iii. Movement restrictions, compliance enforcement and tracing.
- (c) Phase 3 - Controlled reintroduction of host material, following completion of Phase 2 for 12 months
- i. Replanting of disease-free tissue culture host material into a zone under permit with targeted surveillance for *P. cavendishii*.
  - ii. Targeted surveillance outside zones for *P. cavendishii*.
  - iii. Movement restrictions, compliance, enforcement and tracing.
- (d) Phase 4 – Verification period for Assessment of Proof of Freedom
- i. Two rounds of targeted surveillance on all high-risk properties identified in the sentinel sample.
  - ii. Unconditional movement of banana plants within the NT;
  - iii. Regulated import and export of banana plants in and out of the NT.
9. To qualify for the associated payment, the Northern Territory must meet the following milestones:

**Table 1: Milestones**

Milestone	Due date	Payment
Annual progress report (2016-17) endorsed by the CCEPP as achieving satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan.	May 2018	Up to \$276,324
Final report endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating completion of outputs under the endorsed eradication Response Plan.	May 2019	Up to \$55,752

## PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 10. The Northern Territory will report against the agreed milestone as outlined in Table 1 above.
- 11. The Northern Territory will provide a final report demonstrating completion of the eradication program in 2018-19 within three months of completion.
- 12. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the EPPRD.

## PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

13. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the National Banana Freckle 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.
14. Where the industry party is not able to meet its cost-sharing obligations either directly, or from funds held on its behalf, the Commonwealth will initially meet an industry party's cost-sharing obligations as set out in section 10.4.2 of the EPPRD. Each industry party will meet its cost-sharing obligations to the Commonwealth, arising as a consequence of the Commonwealth meeting industry party obligations pursuant to clause 10.4.2, as set out in part 1 of Schedule 7 of the EPPRD (10.4.3).

**Table 2: Estimated financial contributions**

	2017-18	2018-19
Commonwealth contribution	\$92,108	\$18,584
Australian Banana Growers Council	\$184,216	\$37,168
Total Commonwealth liability	\$276,324	\$55,752

## 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**

15.8.18

**The Honourable David Littleproud MP  
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources**

*Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by*



**Signature**

**Date**

26.9.18

**The Honourable Kenneth Vowles MLA  
Minister for Primary Industry and Resources**