

# National Browsing Ant Eradication Program

## PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Browsing Ant Eradication Program in 2013-2014 and 2014-15 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the Western Australia, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Browsing Ant Eradication Program is being conducted as agreed between the Commonwealth and the Western Australian Government on 22 October 2013.
3. The emergency response plan and budget is approved by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture.
4. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the National Browsing Ant Eradication Program.

## PART 2: FORMALITIES

5. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and Western Australia.
6. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Western Australia ministers with portfolio responsibility for agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and will expire on 31 January 2016 or on completion or termination of the National Browsing Ant Eradication Program as determined by the Commonwealth, 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

7. The project elements for the National Browsing Ant Eradication Program are:
  - (a) *Treatment of the infested area with:*
    - i. Insecticide spray (fipronil)
    - ii. Insecticide baits (liprocarb and fipronil)
  - (b) *Surveillance*
    - i. Surveillance at four weeks following insecticide spraying of area to detect any remaining areas of infestation
    - ii. Surveillance at four weeks following baiting to detect any remaining areas of infestation
    - iii. Surveillance at 6 and 18 months after treatment to verify eradication
  - (c) *Community engagement*
    - i. Engage with a number of broad stakeholder groups

- ii. Consultation with Perth Airport, Department of Infrastructure to encourage awareness, identification, reporting and containment measures
  - (d) *Science*
    - i. Research activities to provide accurate information on the control methods, local ecology, reproductive biology of the ant and dispersal of the target species in invaded ecosystems
  - (e) *Containment (risk management and security)*
    - i. In partnership with the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, continue activities to achieve containment including signage, vendor hygiene declarations and active promotion of best practice prevention techniques
8. To qualify for the associated payment, Western Australia must meet the following milestones:

Table 1: Milestones

Milestone	Due date	Payment
Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the 2013-14 annual report as described in clause 9(a) of this Schedule	9 April 2014	\$46 873
Acceptance by the Commonwealth of the 2014-15 annual report as described in clause 9(b) of this Schedule	December 2015	\$46 873

## PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

9. Western Australia will provide, to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth:
- (a) a 2013-14 annual report which demonstrates both satisfactory progress towards all the project elements set out in Part 3 of this Schedule, and implementation activities and budget for 2014-15.
  - (b) 2014-2015 annual report, including a record of expenditure, upon completion of all the project elements set out in Part 3 of this Schedule.

## PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

10. The agreed financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to the Western Australia for the National Browsing Ant 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.

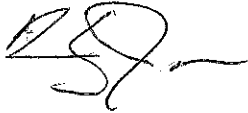
Table 2: Agreed financial contributions

Jurisdiction	2013-14 (\$)	2014-15 (\$)	Total (\$)
Commonwealth contribution	46,873	46,873	93,746

**PART 6: SIGN OFF**

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

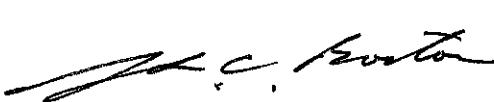
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Signature 

Date 26-6-14

**The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP  
Minister for Agriculture**

*Signed for and on behalf of Western Australia by*

Signature 

Date 3/5/14

**The Honourable Ken C Baston MLC  
Minister for Agriculture and Food**