

# High Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Maitland, New South Wales

## PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the High Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program in 2013-14 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the New South Wales, the combatant state for this response program.
2. The High Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program is a Category 2 animal disease under the Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) as agreed by the National Management Group (NMG) in October 2013.
3. The emergency response plan and budget is approved by the NMG in accordance with the EADRA.
4. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the High Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program in accordance with the provisions of the EADRA.

## PART 2: FORMALITIES

5. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of New South Wales.
6. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and New South Wales ministers with portfolio responsibility for agriculture and/or primary industries and will expire on 30 June 2014 or on completion or termination of the High Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program as determined by the National Management Group, 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 purpose of the High Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program is to eradicate the viral infection in layer hens and eggs in accordance with the AUSVETPLAN strategies and procedures. This will be achieved through:
  - (a) implementation of an eradication response;
  - (b) maintenance of strict quarantine and movement controls to reduce the spread of infection;
  - (c) trace movements (of birds, people, vehicles and eggs) from both infected premises; and

- (d) surveillance, including of any backyard poultry flocks within the Restricted and Control areas to examine potential spread and on any Dangerous Contact Premises and Trace Premises.

8. To qualify for the associated payment, New South Wales must meet the following milestones:

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receipt, to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth, of proof of freedom from infection <i>or</i> confirmation that Australia has returned to its pre-outbreak status;</li> <li>acceptance of the response program's final audit report; and</li> <li>confirmation of final costs.</li> </ul>	June 2014	Up to \$465 480.18

## PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

9. New South Wales will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1 above, and reports will be provided to the Commonwealth and/ or NMG as required.
10. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the EADRA.

## PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

11. The agreed financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to New South Wales for the High Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 1. All payments are provided directly to New South Wales and are exclusive of GST.
12. The Commonwealth will also underwrite cost-shared contribution for the Chicken Meat Federation and the Australian Egg Corporation Limited in accordance with Clause 11.4(b) and Schedule 7 of the EADRA.\* The same milestone for the Commonwealth contribution will be used for payment to New South Wales for the industry contribution outlined in Table 2.

Table 2: Agreed financial contributions 2013-14


Australian Government	Up to \$310 320.12
Contributions paid on behalf of affected Industry Parties <sup>†</sup>	Up to \$ 155 160.06
Chicken Meat Federation	Up to \$120 060.39
Australian Egg Corporation Limited	Up to \$35 099.67
<b>Total Commonwealth liability</b>	<b>Up to \$ 465 480.18</b>

\* In accordance with Clause 11.4(b) and Schedule 7 of the EADRA, the Commonwealth has agreed to underwrite industry's share of the costs of the response, provided the affected industry can demonstrate that it is able to repay the Commonwealth within a reasonable time period.

**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** 26-6-14

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

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

**Signature** 

**Date** 16.6.14

**The Honourable Katrina Hodgkinson MP  
Minister for Primary Industries**