

National Giant Pine Scale Eradication Program

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Giant Pine Scale Eradication Program (Phase 1) for 2014-15 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to Victoria and South Australia, the combatant states for this eradication program.
2. Giant Pine Scale is an uncategorised Plant Pest believed to be an Emergency Plant Pest (EPP) under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD). The default category for Cost Sharing is Category 3 until the categorisation process is completed. This was agreed by the National Management Group in 2015. A categorisation request has been submitted by Victoria and the categorisation process has commenced through Plant Health Australia as the EPPRD custodian.
3. The emergency response plan (National Giant Pine Scale (*Marchalina hellenica*) Response Plan (v1.5 March 2015)) and budget was approved by the National Management Group on 30 March 2015 in accordance with the EPPRD.
4. Financial commitments are approved by the National Management Group subject to jurisdictional budgetary considerations.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the National Giant Pine Scale Eradication Program in accordance with the provisions of the EPPRD.

PART 2: FORMALITIES

6. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and the States of Victoria and South Australia (the States).
7. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and one other party signs the Agreement, and expires on 30 June 2015 or on completion or termination of the National Giant Pine Scale Eradication Program as determined by the National Management Group, including 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

8. The project elements for the National Giant Pine Scale Eradication Program are as follows:
 - (a) delimit, contain and prevent the further spread of Giant Pine Scale within Victoria and South Australia;
 - (b) conduct surveillance to provide confidence Giant Pine Scale is not present elsewhere in Australia;
 - (c) achieve eradication using effective, accepted and cost-efficient control options; and
 - (d) ensure industry, government and community stakeholders, community are appropriately engaged to support the response program.

9. The initial phase of the response plan (Phase 1) focused on delimitation and control is to be completed by 30 June 2015. The key activities during this phase include:

- (a) delimiting surveillance to determine the extent of infestation in Victoria and South Australia, drawing upon data generated via routine forest health surveillance in these jurisdictions
- (b) general and targeted national surveillance to determine whether the pest is present in other jurisdictions
- (c) tracing activities to identify and assess possible sources and high risk movements;
- (d) determining and applying the best control, destruction and disposal options for the purposes of containment and eradication
- (e) conducting an engagement and awareness program targeting affected community members and stakeholder groups
- (f) establishing restricted areas with associated movement restrictions and compliance monitoring
- (g) engaging an efficiency advocate to review and report to the NMG on the efficiency and effectiveness of the response plan.

10. To qualify for the associated payment, the States must meet the following milestone:

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Total Payment ^(a)
Agreement by NMG on response plan	May 2015	\$1 719 002

(a) See Table 2 for estimated state allocations

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 11. The States will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1 above and the report will be provided to the National Management Group as required.
- 12. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the EPPRD.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 13. The agreed financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to Victoria and South Australia for the National Giant Pine Scale Eradication Program is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out Table 1. All payments are exclusive of GST.

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

	2014-15 (\$)
Commonwealth contribution	573 001
Australian Forest Products Association †	1 146 001
Total Commonwealth liability	1 719 002
- Estimated contribution to Victoria ^{(a)(b)}	1 614 143
- Estimated contribution to South Australia ^{(a)(b)}	104 859

† 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 that 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 (Section 10.4.3).

- (b) Estimated on the basis that the Commonwealth will make a financial contribution of 93.9 per cent of the total estimated cost to Victoria and 6.1% of the total estimated cost to South Australia as detailed as a proportion of the National Giant Pine Scale (*Marchalina hellenica*) Response Plan (v1.5 March 2015) budget.
- (c) Final distribution of funding will depend on the actual incurred costs as reconciled by Plant Health Australia.

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 3-6-15

The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Agriculture

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by

Signature

Date

The Honourable Jaala Pulford MLC
Minister for Agriculture

Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia



Signature

Date 30-6-15

The Honourable Leon Bignell MP
Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

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 10.4.1, as set out in Parts of Schedule 7 of the EPPRD, Section 10.4.3).

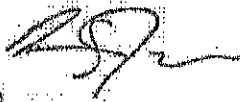
(b) Estimated on the basis that the Commonwealth will make a financial contribution of 93.9 per cent of the total estimated cost to Victoria and 8.2% of the total estimated cost to South Australia as detailed as a proportion of the National Giant Pine Scale (*Marshallia helenica*) Response Plan (v. 5 March 2015) Budget.

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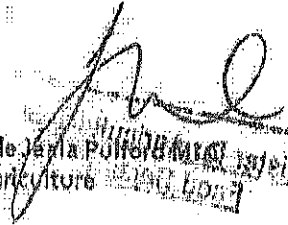
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The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Agriculture

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by



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Date

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The Honourable Jerry Pollalis MP
Minister for Agriculture

Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia

Signature

Date

The Honourable Leon Bignell MP
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