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National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program (SEQ) Steering Committee
Thursday 16 September 2021
Teleconference
9.00am – 11.00am

ATTENDANCE

Attendees	Wendy Craik, Chair Jo Laduzko, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (C'wealth) Scott Charlton, Department of Primary Industries (NSW) Nigel Ainsworth, Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (VIC) John Robertson, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) (QLD) Marcelle O'Brien, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (TAS)
Observers	Malcolm Letts, Deputy Director-General/Chief Biosecurity Officer, Biosecurity Queensland, (DAF) Graeme Dudgeon, General Manager Mel Blankenberg, A/Director, Strategy Andrew Turley, Strategic Review Secretariat Jacqui King, Director, Invasive Plants and Animals
Secretariat	Kerri Nobbs, Senior Policy Officer, (NRIFAEP)
Apologies	Anne Walters, Department of Primary Industry and Resources (NT) John van Schagen, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (WA) Rae Burrows, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (TAS)



The meeting opened at 9.00am.

MAIN DISCUSSION

The Steering Committee discussed its draft response to the recommendations from the Strategic Review and agreed to circulate comments and suggested amendments.

The plans for the overarching strategy for Options A and C are progressing. Discussions have commenced with Queensland Treasury and Premier and Cabinet and a Terms of Reference is being developed for an interdepartmental committee/taskforce. Contact will be made with the Local Government Authority of Queensland regarding its part in Option A prior to holding discussions with local Mayors and councillors.

The Steering Committee were advised that the Cost Benefit Analysis Report should be available on 25 September 2021.

The Steering Committee:

- **AGREED** to provide comments on the draft Steering Committee response to the Strategic Review recommendations by 22 September 2021.
- **AGREED** a meeting to be held on 30 September 2021 to discuss the 'outline of the 'national program response' and the 'Queensland led response'.



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Action items	Responsibility	Target	Status
1. Provide comments on the draft Steering Committee response to the Strategic Review recommendations to the Chair.	Steering Committee members	22 September 2021	Completed
2. Schedule a Steering Committee Meeting on 30 September 2021 to discuss the 'national program response' and the 'Queensland led response'.	Secretariat	16 September 2021	Completed
3. Invite ACT and South Australia representatives to the upcoming meetings	Secretariat	16 September 2021	Completed