

Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025
2024-25 DPRFS Progress Report
Application No. RBG-DPR24-12 From Ms Marieke Jansen
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DPRFS Progress Report Purpose

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The purpose of this Progress Report is to detail the Recognised Biosecurity Group's (RBG) achievements to date, including the activities undertaken and funding expended, for purposes as detailed in the RBG's Funding Agreement.

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☒ Yes

Recipient Details

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RBG Name

Northern Biosecurity Group Inc.

This question is read only.

Contact Name *

Dr Clare Engelke

Position *

Executive Officer

Phone Number *

0411 101 847

Must be an Australian phone number.

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Email *
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Must be an email address.

Funded Activities & Budget

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Funded Activities

The table below details the activities outlined in your Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme (DPRFS) Application Form and/or Funding Agreement.

Please provide an Activity Update and include any additional activities undertaken, which were not detailed in your DPRFS Application Form or Funding Agreement.

If you have undertaken additional activities, please add rows as required.

Activity	Activity Measure	Activity Update
What are you doing?	What did you measure and how did you measure it?	Add notes if you need to provide further information
Wild Dog Program	Activities include aerial and ground baiting, engagement of Licensed Pest Management Technicians, and surveillance. Measures include the number of baits laid, traps set, wild dogs culled and a reduction in stock losses/attacks from wild dogs.	Minimum number of total dogs controlled to 16 December 2024 (based on carcass sighted) - 13. 5000 baits laid by aerial baiting in October 2024. Average 50-90 traps out per month (weather dependent) LPMT total days to 1 December 2024 = 96 (3 LPMTs) Wet weather in July/Aug/Sep limited access to large areas usually baited and trapped and subsequently affected total LPMT days worked. Administration - for aerial baiting, RCP permits and organising baiting days, landholder liaison.

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Feral Pig Program	Activities include aerial and ground baiting, trapping, engagement of Licensed Pest Management Technicians, community baiting days, and monitoring. Measures include kg of bait and pre feed (data to be reported from Jan 2025), traps set, trap days, and feral pigs culled.	Confirmed pigs destroyed = 552 ground activities* and 100 by aerial cull. (*minimum only as baited pigs not necessarily sighted, confirmation by carcass) Main trap areas July-Dec 2024 - Wicka, Mullewa, Yetna, Binna Total LPMT days = 78 Main Feral Pig LPMT on annual leave August 2024. Other activities: LPMT provision of pig bait to landholders. New activities not in Operational Plan: Extensive planning for increased pig control work starting Jan 2025. Moving to zoned control. Additional 4 pig traps purchased
Other Animal Pests Program	Declared animal pests including foxes, feral cats, rabbits and emus. Activities including baiting, trapping and surveillance. Measures include the number of baits and traps laid, animals culled, surveillance footage and reduction in stock and crop damage.	Emu aerial cull in November 2024 - 847 emus culled. Rabbit baiting completed at specific locations. LPMT provision of rabbit bait. To date, not all cats and foxes culled have been reported. From December 2024, LPMTs will record all cats and foxes controlled
Declared Plant Pest Program	Activities include use of chemical and biological controls to manage pests. Measures include site visits to ensure no new growth.	Planning in progress for cactus work in March. No on ground activities completed to Dec 2024.

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Communication & Community Engagement	Activities include workshops, field days, promotional materials, newsletters, flyers, media release and signage.	AGM and pest management workshop - 47 attendees (at least 9 didn't sign the attendance sheet/attended workshop after AGM; not included in the above count. 42 new members October to December Informal phone surveys to landholders to understand pest concerns and for NACC submission (below) Community baiting day flyer EOI to be sent Jan 2025 for the 3 days in Feb & March 2025. NBG newsletter to be distributed January 2025 RCP permit renewals, amendments and applications ongoing. NBG website updated and revised; now includes online application forms Media (public notice): for aerial dog baiting Assistance/support to NACC for their submission for Verbesina to be recognised as a Weed of National Significance (not in Operational Plan) No field days.
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Administration & Governance	Activities include Executive Officer and Finance Officer contracts, Board meetings, maintenance of office and supplies, assets and insurances, and financial and reporting obligations.	December Board Meeting held 16 December 2024. Executive Officer and Landholder Liaison Officer probation periods completed & employment approved by NBG Board. Subscriptions to Adobe, Airtable & Fillout EO and LLO training on Airtable and Fillout , and development of landholder reporting tools (15 hours; not in Operational Plan 24/25) Review and update of WHS plan. Development and transfer of NBG management system to improve efficiency.
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If relevant, please attach any documents to support the achievement of Funded Activities

No files have been uploaded

Including minutes from meetings, photographs, social media posts etc.

Variation

If required, this is an opportunity for you to formally request a variation to your 2024-25 Funding Agreement.

Does your RBG require a variation? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Variation Request

Please provide information about the variation you require, including:

- additional funding requirements
- budget amendments
- program extensions

The NBG Board decided to alter the NBG approach to feral pig control, moving to a zonal approach similar to that used by MBG and CWBG. The NBG aims to significantly reduce the feral pig population in the region, and to increase the collection of population and damage data. These data will develop a more accurate picture of pig densities and their locations and improve targeted control efforts. This change in approach requires additional funding to provide:

- Additional LPMT days

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- Increased baiting and trapping activities
- Additional aerial culls, following extensive baiting and trapping programs
- Initial focus on feral pig 'hot spots', determined by currently available density data
- Increased quantities of 1080, grain, pig traps & monitoring cameras
- Increased hours and effort in landholder engagement and zone organisation/coordination
- Development of a landholder reporting tool and communication/educational briefs to encourage the participation of landholders in pre-feeding and reporting.

This zone approach will continue into 25/26 and has been incorporated into the FY 25/26 budget. This variation request is applicable to January - June 2025 only.

In addition to the change in pig control, the NBG Board has requested that the EO attend the Feral Pig Conference in March 2025, and the Landholder Liaison Officer attend the Talking RBG meeting in February 2025. Travel and associated costs for these events were not included in the 24/25 Operational Budget.

Budget Amendments

Feral Pig Program - \$184,300

Administration & Governance - \$8200

Total Amendment: \$192,500

From June 2025, the additional works will be incorporated as part of the FY 25/26 Operational Plan.

DPIRD may need to contact you for further information.

Budget (GST Exclusive)

The table below details the anticipated budget included in your DPRFS Application Form. Please complete the **Actual Expenditure** column to detail the actual values which have been expended on activities to date.

Please only include funding from the Declared Pest Rate and State matched funding.

All amounts should be GST exclusive.

Please **do not add commas** to figures – e.g., type \$1000 not \$1,000 – this will ensure your figures for each table total correctly.

Funded Activity Program	Anticipated Expenditure (Ex GST)	Actual Expenditure (ex GST)	Notes
Name of program, e.g. Wild Dog Program.	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.	Use this to advise of any changes in budget item expenditure.
Administration & Governance	\$93,500.00	\$22,287.00	Does not include latest EO invoice (Sept-Dec)

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Communication & Community Engagement	\$12,400.00	\$11,274.00	LLO employment & increased in RCP amendments and applications. LLO coding has been incorrectly moved to C&CE from Admin & Gov.
Plant Pest Programs	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
Wild Dog Program	\$226,786.00	\$101,365.00	Weather limited some spending due to limited access to areas in July/Aug.
Feral Pig Program	\$163,000.00	\$58,031.99	
Other Animal Pest Program	\$75,500.00	\$30,556.60	

Budget Totals

The values below are auto calculated based on the values entered in the Budget Table.

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$575,186.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$223,514.59
	This number/amount is calculated.		This number/amount is calculated.

2024-25 Operational Plan

Has your RBG published your 2024-25 Operational Plan on your website? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Declaration & Certification

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Declaration

This section must be completed by the Chairperson, or appropriate delegate, on behalf of the Recipient organisation.

Once this form is submitted via SmartyGrants, it will be deemed as authorised by the below signatory, despite no signature provided.

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that:

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- The information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete.
- If any personal details of a third party are included, the third party has been made aware of, and given their permission for, those details to appear in this Progress Report.

I Agree *

☒ Yes

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