

Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme 2025-2026

2025-26 DPRFS Progress Funding Report

Application No. RBG-13-DPRFS2025 From Northern Biosecurity Group

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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

NAME OF RBG ("Recipient")

Northern Biosecurity Group Incorporated

This question is read only.

Funded Activities & Budget to Date

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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.

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Please provide an Activity Update covering the period from 1 July 2025 to the date of this report. Your update should describe what activities have been undertaken to date and any early results or outcomes achieved.

If you have undertaken additional activities which were not detailed in your DPRFS Application Form or Funding Agreement, please add rows as required.

-----Funded Activities (1)

Funded Program

Wild Dog Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including ground baiting and trapping, delivery of 5,000 aerial baits in priority areas, LPMT services, and monitoring.

Measures include number of baits and traps laid, number of dogs trapped, LPMT days, dog sightings reported, and stock attacks recorded.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Aerial baiting October 2025: 4500 baits delivered over 9 land parcels to provide a buffer to the Northern Agricultural Zone.

Ongoing ground operations - baiting and trapping, shooting when seen and in response to landholder reports.

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

-----Funded Activities (2)

Funded Program

Feral Pig Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including ground baiting, trapping, monitoring, aerial culling, monitoring with cameras, and landholder engagement.

Measures include number of baits and traps used, pigs observed and controlled, hectares covered in aerial culls, and number of landholders participating.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Additional land managers engaged for aerial culling, including government lands and traditional owners.

Aerial Culling: 28 days of culling completed in the region across February. 10 063 pigs culled

Groundwork: ongoing baiting and trapping with over 600 pigs culled.

Additional RP permits obtained by landholders

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Bait day engagement for pig baiting. Baits will be provided in March 2026
YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

-----Funded Activities (3)

Funded Program

Rabbit Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including bait provision to landholders, calicivirus testing and release.

Measures include amount of bait provided, participation in virus release.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Bait day Expressions of Interest currently being accepted for bait provision in February/March.

355 km of bait requested.

Reports from landholders in October/November of increased rabbit death in the region from natural causes - virus. One landholder sent specimen in and was confirmed as calici.

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

-----Funded Activities (4)

Funded Program

Fox Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including control by LPMTs and collection of landholder reports.

Measures include number of foxes controlled and reports from landholders.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Baits provided and laid at landholder request.

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

-----Funded Activities (5)

Funded Program

Large Herbivore Program

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Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

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Activities including aerial culling of emus.

Measures include number of emus culled and damage reports.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

No emu cull - landholders must hold a fauna causing damage license. We have not received any requests from landholders that hold a permit.

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

-----Funded Activities (6)

Funded Program

Pest Plant Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including chemical and manual control of cacti and other declared weeds.

Measures include delivery of control treatments and LPMT days.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

No progress to date. Activities are generally completed in March - May.

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

-----Funded Activities (7)

Funded Program

Communications and Community Engagement

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including newsletters, AGM, membership drives, community baiting days, property reports, permit support, and landholder communications.

Measures include number of events and materials delivered, survey participation, website traffic, permit applications supported, and property reports completed.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

AGM in October 2025.

Training support provided to landholders for RP permit applications

Aerial cull consent forms sent in November/December and January for the aerial culling of feral pigs and deer. DPIRD to complete one cull Feb 4- 28 and VPMA to complete another 16-21.

Member newsletter sent in July, summarising Jan- June activities. Member email update and

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text messages Nov-Feb.

Newsletter delayed to March, so aerial cull details can be included.

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-----Funded Activities (8)

Funded Program

Governance and Administration

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including staff employment, audit and financial management, insurance, travel, and board meetings.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Board meeting Feb 6.

Engagement of lawyers for contract review

Strategic planning session - September 2025

Travel to Three Springs to engage with Traditional Owners and DBCA.

Review of financial management with AMD.

Appointment of new auditor for 25/26

Increase in Executive Officer hours.

Travel to Talking RBG meeting for EO and board member

Extensive meetings with Talking RBG to finalise 24/25 year

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

Budget (GST Exclusive)

The table below details the total 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 from 1 July 2025 to the date of this report.

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 Program | Anticipated Expenditure (Ex GST) | Actual YTD 2025-26 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. |
| Wild Dog Program | \$150,000.00 | \$64,000.00 | |

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| Feral Pig Program | \$358,400.00 | \$247,000.00 | |
| Rabbit Program | \$24,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | |
| Fox Program | \$4,200.00 | \$2,000.00 | |
| Large Herbivore Program | \$30,000.00 | \$0.00 | No request as outlined above |
| Pest Plant Program | \$4,000.00 | \$0.00 | Not scheduled yet. |
| Communications and Community Engagement | \$20,500.00 | \$12,000.00 | |
| Governance and Administration | \$144,950.00 | \$87,000.00 | |

Budget Totals

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

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| Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST) | \$736,050.00 | Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST) | \$422,000.00 |
| | 0 | | 0 |
| | This number/ amount is calculated. | | This number/ amount is calculated. |

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.

2025-26 Operational Plan

Has your RBG published your 2025-26 Operational Plan on your website? *

Yes No

Variation

If required, this is an opportunity for you to formally request a variation to your 2025-26 Funding Agreement.

This is your final opportunity to request to use any *unplanned unspent* DPA funds from the previous year by adding them to your 2025-26 budget and funding agreement.

An amount equal to the value of any unplanned unspent funds not covered by a variation will be deducted from the planned second transfer, returning the funds to the RBG’s DPA account for future use.

After this point, variations requesting the transfer of additional DPA funds (if available) can be submitted until mid-June.

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Does your RBG require a variation? *

Yes No

Variation Request

Please provide *all* of the following details to enable DPIRD to assess the request and update the funding agreement where required:

1. Provide a detailed description of the proposed change or new activity/activities to be undertaken. This should include:
 - the declared pest(s) the activity relates to
 - the type of activity (e.g. aerial control, contractor control, baiting program, mapping, community engagement)
 - whether the activity expands an existing program or introduces a new activity or program.
2. The reason for the change (timing, conditions, opportunities or delivery reasons),
3. If the variation includes a change to the total approved budget, specify the value of the variation requested.
 - Where the variation relates to multiple pests or programs, provide the amount requested for each pest or funded program.
4. The source of funding if budget change required (e.g. unplanned unspent funds held by the RBG from the prior year, additional DPA funds held by DPIRD or reallocation of funds within the existing approved budget).

Amount to be confirmed.

We have had a large increase in engagement for aerial culls, pig control in general and rabbit bait. Further, we have had increases in insurance premiums for business activities, completed a strategic planning session and received legal advice on contracts in the FY25/26. Finally, we have introduced new data collection methods which require subscription services.

Anticipated variation will be \$138,000. Operations for the rest of the year, and the budget, requires review and approval by board.

DPIRD may need to contact you for further information.

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:

- 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.

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I Agree *

Yes

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Executive Officer

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Must be an email address.

Date *

08/03/2026

Must be a date.