

Queensland Feral Pest Initiative

Applicant guidelines and how to apply

Expressions of Interest are to be submitted no later than 5 pm on 6 October 2015

Project applications close at 5 pm on 6 November 2015

For further information, please contact 13 25 23 or email QldFeralPestInit@daf.qld.gov.au



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Important information

Please read these guidelines carefully before starting your expression of interest or application.

The funding outlined in these guidelines is only available to designated organisations (see section 4.1).

Important dates:

Final date for Expression of Interest (EOI)	6 October 2015
Indicative date for feedback on EOI	8 October 2015
Application period commences	8 October 2015
Closing date for applications	6 November 2015

Note: Project years are financial years. Applicants should consider this when preparing their project budgets.

Further Information:

Further information is available through the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) Customer Service Centre on 13 25 23.

PART 1—Introduction

1.1 Queensland Feral Pest Initiative

Weeds and pest animals have significant economic, environmental and social impacts.

Wild dogs have a significant impact on livestock, native species and can threaten human and domestic animal safety. AgForce in 2009 estimated that costs attributed to wild dogs in Queensland may be as high as \$67 million (based on producer estimates of production loss and processor figures of discounted dog bitten animals).

Feral cats impact on biodiversity by direct predation, competing with native animals for food or shelter and degrading habitats. About 25 endangered and threatened species are at risk from feral cat predation in Queensland according to Australia's *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999)* and Threat Abatement Plan (2008). In particular, bilbies, bridled nail tail wallabies and the endangered night parrot are at risk of extinction in the wild and feral cats are regarded as the highest threat. Feral cat populations are notoriously difficult to control. Intensive control such as that undertaken to protect threatened species in some National Parks is labour-intensive and costly. Broad-scale control options for populations of feral cats are limited.

Invasive terrestrial weeds cost Queensland an estimated \$600 million a year in lost primary production and control costs. The negative economic impacts of weeds include competition with pastures, leading to reduced stocking capacity and erosion, toxicity to stock, competition with crops for water and nutrients, increased management costs and cost of fire preparedness and response due to the spread of high biomass grasses.

As an example, just five declared weeds (parthenium weed, rubber vine, prickly acacia, mesquite and parkinsonia) cost Queensland more than \$50 million each year in lost production and costs of control.

The cost of reduced production in the Mulga lands of South West Queensland, caused by the intrusion of woody weeds and the ensuing erosion, is estimated at over \$50 million each year.

It is well recognised there are benefits through a coordinated and aligned approach by governments, industry and service delivery partners to manage specific weeds and pest animals to protect Queensland's food and fibre assets, natural resources, priority native species and our way of life.

The Australian Government has allocated up to \$10 million of Australian Government Drought Assistance to Queensland for the 2015/16 financial year to support improved pest animal and weed management in drought affected areas.

As part of the Queensland Government's Food and Fibre Plan for Agriculture, the Queensland Government has committed to 'provide an additional \$5 million over three years to support new initiatives aimed at destroying wild dog and cat populations'.

This additional funding complements significant investment by State and Local Governments, landholders, industry organisations and community groups.

DAF has formed an Oversight Group with representatives of AgForce, Queensland Farmers Federation, Local Government Association of Queensland, Queensland Regional Groups Collective, Queensland Conservation Council, Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre and the departments of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (DNPSR), Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) and Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP). The Oversight Group will play a critical role in reaching consensus on the on-ground projects for delivery and in overseeing project implementation.

Australian Government Pest Animals and Weeds (AGPAW)

The majority of the Australian Government funding should be allocated to support regionally agreed cluster fencing arrangements in areas with high wild dog density and evidence of high impacts. Some limited funding will be made available to support other pest animal and weed management in drought affected areas.

Feral Cat Additional Tools (FCAT)

The Oversight Group determined that a general call for feral cat projects is not currently warranted. The Oversight Group believes that research trials on improving control options are the critical first step in supporting future effective feral cat control. A feral cat project for the research and development of new feral cat baits in Queensland will allow future broad-scale applications for feral cat management. DAF will lead a project developed and delivered in partnership with tertiary institutions, conservation partners, DEHP and DNPSR. To discuss any aspect of this project please contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 13 25 23.

Wild Dog On-ground Action (WDOGA)

The Queensland Government will commit \$4 million for a subprogram to manage the impacts of wild dogs in Queensland including the development of regionally agreed projects that incorporate trapping and baiting.

The investment priorities for the wild dog funding will be for regional projects in drought affected areas that reduce current impacts to affected industries in targeted high priority areas.

1.2 Regionally based service delivery

Projects will be developed on a regional basis with identified subprograms as required. One organisation will manage the funds for the project and establish joint governance arrangements, however a project may be delivered by a variety of entities. It is important that the project clearly identifies the on-ground delivery arrangements and funding allocations to respective entities.

The Queensland Feral Pest Initiative could be supported by the Queensland Government Certificate 3 Guarantee Program. The Certificate 3 Guarantee Program provides an opportunity for Queenslanders to gain their first post-school Certificate III qualification, and subsidises a range of qualifications in the agriculture sector, including Conservation and Land Management or Rural Operations.

The Queensland Government expects all organisations involved in the implementation of the Queensland Feral Pests Initiative (the Initiative) will:

- **deliver the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative priorities** through the most appropriate delivery agents and mechanisms that are agreed in local plans such as Local Government Area Pest Management Plans or NRM regional plans
- **report and promote achievements and outcomes at a regional and broader level.** Organisations are expected to operate in a transparent way. They will be expected to include measurable outputs and report to government and their communities on their activities and achievements in relation to projects and initiative related outcomes.
- **broker partnerships and leverage further sustainable investment for projects.** Organisations need to engage, partner and implement projects with communities, investment partners, training partners, employment agencies, landholders and local organisations in order to leverage optimal outcomes and investment.

1.3 What will be funded?

Organisations are invited to submit project applications addressing the priorities for investment outlined in Part 2 for projects which may deliver outcomes for one to three years.

Integrated regional applications that address individual themes, link the government's themes on a wider scale within the Initiative, and/or are longer term in nature are encouraged.

Applications should include details of appropriate financial co-contributions by the applicant, or other project partners, in the project budget section of the application.

The Initiative aims to maximise direct investment in on-ground activities that achieve important, enduring, and largely public oriented outcomes. Applicants are required to demonstrate how the proposed activities will deliver measurable on-ground outcomes to address the relevant priorities.

In order to secure landscape-scale outcomes, the Initiative encourages building on existing and new alliances and cooperative governance arrangements. These arrangements should link regions, governments, industry sectors, local training and employment organisations, Indigenous groups, as well as Landcare, catchment management, environmental organisations and other community groups.

Detailed information on priorities for investment, budgets, timeframes, eligibility and assessment and rights and responsibilities are outlined in the following sections:

- Part 2 - Investment Priorities
- Part 3 - Budget and timeframes
- Part 4 - Eligibility
- Part 5 - Application and assessment process
- Part 6 - Funding agreement requirements
- Part 7 - Rights and responsibilities

PART 2—Initiative investment priorities

2.1 Australian Government Pest Animals and Weeds (AGPAW)

The Feral Pests Initiative will invest in projects that align with the priorities of Pest Animal and Weed Management in Drought affected areas.

Projects should be in areas identified as long-term drought affected areas of Queensland.

- Priority 1 shires – Paroo, Murweh, Quilpie, Barcaldine, Longreach, Blackall-Tambo, Barcoo, Winton and Flinders.
- Priority 2 shires – other sheep growing areas including but not limited to, Maranoa, Balonne, Southern Downs, Western Downs, Goondiwindi and Bulloo.

The majority of the funding will be allocated to support regionally agreed cluster fencing arrangements in areas with high wild dog density and evidence of high impacts. Some limited funding will also be made available to support other pest animal and weed management in drought affected areas.

2.2 Wild Dog On-ground Action (WDOGA)

The Queensland Government investment will complement Australian Government funding for drought affected producers focusing on cluster fencing arrangements.

The Queensland Government funding will be allocated to support the community improve their wild dog management.

Projects should focus on:

- continuing to build the long term capacity in community wild dog management including enhanced wild dog control in areas that are unable to be cluster fenced
- skills development in wild dog control such as increasing landholders ability to monitor and map wild dog populations, use emerging technology, plan and carry out control activities and use best practice techniques
- mentoring in property wild dog management.

It is recognised that some landholders do not have enough equity to borrow for fencing or have land that is unsuitable for fencing and other projects may be more relevant to these producers.

It is critical that regionally based service delivery and decision making involves local governments, regional NRM groups, industry and other key stakeholders.

Funding will target areas with high wild dog density and/or evidence of high impacts in sheep production areas.

Projects should be in areas identified as long-term drought affected areas of Queensland.

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- Priority 2 shires – other sheep growing areas including but not limited to, Maranoa, Balonne, Southern Downs, Western Downs, Goondiwindi and Bulloo.

2.3 Objectives

2.3.1 Building landholder skills and capability

Applications must demonstrate the level of management being undertaken to manage pest animals and weeds including linkages to current and past on-ground management Initiatives.

Applications must demonstrate that landholders will develop enduring capability, skills and long-term planning processes to continue to effectively manage pest animals and weeds.

Applications must demonstrate how the project will be managed locally in the short and long-term to ensure outcomes are maintained.

Applications must highlight how they link to existing pest management priorities in local, state, national strategies or national threat abatement plans.

2.3.2 Building landholder, Indigenous and industry skills, knowledge, engagement and participation

Proposals must include significant participation of stakeholder groups including Landcare, Indigenous, farming, industry, other community groups and individuals involved in on-ground activities.

Project applicants are encouraged to identify and integrate labour and skills based organisations. This is to maximise the use of regional labour and skill development initiatives being funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments that generate positive impacts on rural and regional employment.

2.3.3 Projects are technically feasible, provide value and facilitate local employment

Applications must detail the contributions to the project from landholders, local governments, local industry and other project partners including the ongoing level of stakeholder and public support.

Applications must include technical expertise and support for the project, an assessment of its operational feasibility and value for money including investment from other parties that can support local employment.

2.3.4 Projects continue to evolve by including measurable and reportable outcomes

Applications must include key success indicators and success measures that will be used including the expected sustainable agricultural, biodiversity and capacity building outcomes that will be achieved by the project.

PART 3—Budget and timeframes

3.1 Available funding

AGPAW – Up to \$10 million in the 2015-2016 financial year.

WDOGA – \$4 million for projects to complete building community capability in wild dog control over three years.

PART 4—Eligibility

Organisations should consider the eligibility criterion outlined below before applying.

4.1 Eligibility of applicant

For the purposes of the guidelines ‘the applicant’ must be one of the organisations as listed in Attachment 1. The applicant must not have any overdue project acquittals for State government funding at the time of contracting.

4.2 What will be funded?

The Initiative may fund the following:

- Activities that align with initiative priorities and objectives for investment. Applications that also address local and/or regional level priorities in a cost-effective and justifiable way may also be considered for funding. Cross-regional activities are encouraged, but not mandated.
- Projects will be funded based on outcome delivery and measurable investment priorities.

Administering and delivering an Initiative involves a range of activities as outlined in the table below.

Core administrative expense examples		
Administrative costs are capped at no more than 7.5% of project costs		
Corporate governance and compliance costs		
Reasonable office/equipment operating costs Project proposal planning and development Project performance monitoring, reporting and evaluation systems		
On-ground project expenditure examples		
Project management	Technical Advice to guide project planning or implementation	On-ground works and legislation/regulatory approvals
Project specific coordination, management, monitoring and reporting	Technical advice provision to landholders, industry, volunteers (promoting uptake of best practice, technical training) Volunteer, landholder and Industry engagement	Fencing – material (capped) Weeds and pests prevention and treatment

4.3 What will not be funded?

The Initiative will not fund activities that:

- do not address one or more of the priorities for investment outlined in Part 2
- have been undertaken before entering into a funding agreement with the Queensland Government
- are being funded through current or previous government or third party funding for substantially the same project
- are required by law or as part of an approval under Commonwealth or state legislation or in breach or likely to cause a breach of state and national legislation
- are likely to have significant adverse impact on Indigenous cultural heritage and have not received approval for the activities through relevant state legislative requirements

- predominantly support research, tool building and/or modelling approaches except where it can be demonstrated that it is required to achieve on-ground outcomes in line with priorities and the needs of the particular project
- are for political advocacy
- are required for purely private or business development or commercial benefit and are required to meet the core business particularly statutory responsibilities of government agencies that do not align to the initiative priorities
- involve the purchase of equipment or materials that are normally part of a landholder's or organisation's responsibility unless a critical link to initiative or project outcomes can be demonstrated
- provide bounties for the control of vertebrate pests
- are not best practice including humane vertebrate pest best practice
- are outside of Queensland.

The Queensland government reserves the right, during the assessment process, to adjust project allocations within or across financial years, and to impose conditions on approvals. The Queensland Government also reserves the right to redirect investment at any stage of the process if applications do not meet initiative requirements.

PART 5—Application and assessment process

5.1 Expression of interest

Applicants must complete and formally submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) form (Attachment 2) to be considered for funding.

The Oversight Group will provide independent and strategic advice on the development, implementation and management of the Initiative.

The EOI will be reviewed by the Oversight Group and feedback provided. At that time an application form will be supplied.

5.2 Preparing your application

Applicants must then complete and formally submit an application in the provided form to be considered for funding. The completed application should be submitted electronically to QldFeralPestInit@daf.qld.gov.au by 5 pm on 6 November 2015.

Requests for an extension should only be sought in extenuating circumstances. The department has no obligation to accept a request for extension or late applications. The Queensland Government may, however, at its discretion, extend the application period on a case by case basis.

5.3 Receipt and registration of applications

As part of the assessment process, applications will be screened by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to confirm whether the eligibility criterion in Part 4 has been met. Applications which do not meet the eligibility criterion will be excluded from the remainder of the assessment process.

5.4 How will applications be assessed?

The Oversight Group may appoint a technical panel for initial project assessment.

To ensure objectivity, any member of the Oversight Group or those providing technical advice will declare any discussions that have taken place with applicants which may represent a real or perceived conflict of interest.

Project applications will be assessed by the Oversight Group.

The assessment will encompass all applications and will:

- undertake a thorough assessment of all proposals against set assessment criteria (as outlined below);
- recommend removal of ineligible activities;
- propose any necessary conditions to be applied to applications should they be selected;
- moderate the applications overall with a view to recommending an appropriate split, bearing in mind regional capacity and funding available to meet the allocated budget priorities and
- consider the balance of funding between activities, and recommend any adjustments to projects or further calls for available funding in line with Initiative theme priorities.

The assessment will also identify any issues requiring attention including opportunities for cross-jurisdictional or cross-regional collaboration, budgetary and contracting issues.

5.5 Assessment criteria

Criteria 1 - Addition to work undertaken or underway that has been shown to be effective in reducing feral animal and/or weed impacts.

Projects must not undermine or replace existing activity. The project proposal must detail effective work that is being undertaken and how the proposed activity will complement this work. Projects must continue or complement this work, for example, the development and commitment to implementing property pest management plans.

Criteria 2 - Strategic and best practice management.

Proponents must demonstrate technical expertise and support for the project, an assessment of its operational feasibility and value for money. Applicants must also demonstrate the potential extent of ongoing stakeholder and public support.

Projects should increase landholder capacity and willingness to work together to combat pest animals and weeds. The responsibility for pest animal and weed control rests with the landholder, however in drought conditions, landholders are least able to devote resources to pest animal control and applicants must demonstrate how the project ensures that landholder participation will be enhanced by the project.

Projects seeking funding for fencing from the Australian Government Pest Animals and Weeds program must:

- demonstrate practical, legally valid governance arrangements and must demonstrate public benefit.
- ensure that funding for fencing is capped at \$2,700 per kilometre.
- ensure that all landholders that benefit from regional funding are primary producers, working full-time in primary production.
- detail and demonstrate the timeframes required before a positive return on investment is achieved.
- detail how decisions about how cluster funding will be determined regionally - in determining cluster priorities applicants should consider factors such as landholder ownership and

maintenance arrangements and wild dog impacts. Criteria should also integrate the need for all landholder recipients to have pest management plans for ongoing weed and pest animal management.

- ensure that monitoring and evaluation are incorporated into the project.

Criteria 3 – Demonstrable flexibility to encompass changing weather, for example where relevant, projects must include alternate activities that can be used in the event of rain.

Criteria 4 - Developed on a regional basis with demonstrated participation by Local Government, NRM and Industry. However, for each region, it is preferable that one agency take the lead for administration of funds. Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (Biosecurity Queensland) or Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) staff will assist in the development of the projects through the provision of advice and facilitation.

Criteria 5 – Alignment with national, state, regional and local weed or pest animal priorities. Proponents must demonstrate how the project will gain landholder support by targeting pest animals and weeds with the highest impacts.

Communication and media are branded and announced as per Queensland and Australian Government requirements.

Projects must align with regional NRM plans and local government pest management plans. Regional and local government plans are developed with extensive community and stakeholder consultation and is representative of community priorities.

Criteria 6 - Measurable and reportable outputs.

As projects are enhancing existing work, project applications will include baseline information to allow progress to be measured and outputs to be reported. Outputs are shown in Table 1.

Criteria 7 – Provide long-term benefits.

Projects should provide some elements of long-term benefits such as building community capacity, strategic control to remove small populations or reduce populations in strategic areas.

Table 1: Agreed reportable outputs – AGPAW and WDOGA

Activity	Output		Specific Output	Additional Information
Cluster Fencing	Number of cluster fencing arrangements	and specifically	a. Number of landholders engaged in formal collaborative agreements b. Number of hectares in cluster c. Number of kilometres of fencing completed	
Building long term capacity	Number of formally documented collaborative arrangements developed	and specifically	Number of arrangements for effective collaboration negotiated where a formal agreement does not exist	
Events	Number of awareness raising events such as demonstrations, field days or study tours conducted	and	Number of participants who attended	An awareness-raising event is an event designed to pass on information and improve knowledge and understanding. To calculate person-days, multiply the number of participants by the amount of a day or days the event ran for (use only half day or full day units) and round totals to the nearest whole number

Activity	Output		Specific Output	Additional Information
Training sessions	Number of training sessions, workshops, seminars or other skills and training events conducted	and	Number of participants attending	Structured activities designed to improve existing skills or develop new ones. Training sessions MAY lead to or contribute to formal qualifications such as a TAFE certificate but need not necessarily do so.
Properties assisted	Total number of properties assisted	and specifically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. number of properties assisted with feral animal trapping support b. number of properties assisted with weed spraying operations c. number of properties assisted with strategic feral animal aerial baiting d. number of properties assisted with strategic aerial herbicide spraying e. number of properties assisted with feral animal baiting equipment f. number of properties assisted with herbicide equipment g. number of properties assisted with strategic aerial shooting h. number of properties assisted with feral animal control in key strategic locations i. number of properties assisted with weed control in key strategic locations j. number of industry coordination for landholders in coordinated control activities k. number of properties assisted with additional baiting to routine activities l. number of properties assisted with additional weed controls to routine activities 	Assistance can be technical advice and provision of labour.
Pest animal control – vertebrates	Total area (ha) of pest animal control measures implemented by the project	and specifically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. area of trapping support implemented b. area of strategic aerial baiting implemented c. area where additional baiting equipment is implemented d. area where aerial shooting implemented e. area of targeted rabbit control in key hotspots implemented f. area of industry coordination for landholder participation in coordinated control activities g. area of additional baiting activity implemented 	Ensure that the species being controlled is noted in the output description field.
Pest plant control	Area (ha) of pest plant control measures implemented	and specifically	Area (ha) of pest plant control that represent initial treatment	Ensure that the species being controlled is noted in the output description field and whether the control measure is 'containment' or 'ongoing suppression'
Property/ Reserve management plans	Number of property/reserve management plans complete	and specifically	Area (ha) that the property/reserve management plan covers	Plans at whole farm/ property or reserve scale e.g. farm/ reserve plans or management plans for weeds and pest animals

Activity	Output		Specific Output	Additional Information
Employment	Number of regional people employed	and specifically	Number of hours per week for each project	

PART 6—Funding agreement requirements

6.1 Project commencement

Organisations will be advised of the outcome of their applications in writing.

The Queensland Government will negotiate a funding agreement with each successful region. This agreement will need to be signed, with any specified conditions of funding met, before project payments can be processed and the project can commence. If the funding agreement is not finalised within 20 business days from the date the offer is made, the offer of funding may be withdrawn.

A funding agreement is a performance-based, legally enforceable agreement setting out the terms and conditions governing the funding to be provided for the project under the Queensland Feral Pests Initiative.

6.2 Grant conditions

Grants are subject to normal taxation treatment and no special arrangements will apply. You should seek independent advice on the taxation implications of receiving a grant. Project budgets in applications should be GST exclusive. GST will be added to funding payments (as applicable) so the Commonwealth meets its obligations under *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth).

6.3 Monitoring and reporting

Reporting on project performance will provide evidence about the appropriateness, impact, effectiveness, efficiency and overall outcome of on-ground investments made through the Initiative.

The Queensland Government requires projects to also include quantitative measures of increased volunteer, landholder and industry skills, knowledge and engagement and Indigenous employment/engagement.

The Queensland Government and the community will be kept informed of the progress of Queensland Feral Pest Initiative projects and the delivery of its outcomes through web content, key achievement reports, and the release of annual reports.

6.3.1 Communication requirements

Recipients are required to acknowledge the Queensland Government's contribution through the Initiative in all devolved grants processes, project materials, publications and activities.

As part of their role in engaging the community in the Initiative, recipients are expected to provide information on the initiative funding opportunities to their regional communities (e.g. through newsletters or email lists).

Part 7—Rights and responsibilities

7.1 Applicants

It is the responsibility of the applicant to:

- inform themselves fully and properly of the requirements of the Initiative, these guidelines and the requirements of the application process
- ensure that their application is complete and accurate, as the department are not obliged to request additional or missing information
- identify any information contained within their application which they consider should be treated as confidential and provide reasons for the request (noting that the department will not be in

breach of any confidentiality obligations where disclosure is required as outlined further in section 7.4 below)

- keep a copy of their application and any attachments, for their own records
- inform the department of any changes to their circumstances which may affect their application or their eligibility for funding under these guidelines.

If an applicant is successful in obtaining funding, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that they hold the relevant insurance(s) at the time of entering into the funding agreement and prior to any project activities being undertaken. The department may require the applicant to provide copies of the relevant certificates of currency for their insurance.

Applicants are also required to declare in writing to the department where any actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest exists or might arise in relation to their application that may impact on it, the proposed project, or any funding agreement it may enter into with the Queensland government.

The applicant's participation in any stage of the application process, or in relation to any matter concerning the process, is at the applicant's sole risk, cost and expense. The Queensland government will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by an applicant in preparing or lodging an application or in taking part in the process.

The Queensland Government will not accept responsibility for any misunderstanding arising from the failure by an applicant to comply with these guidelines, or arising from any discrepancies, ambiguities, inconsistencies or errors in their application.

Applicants are entirely responsible for the accuracy of all information submitted in their application. If applicants knowingly provide inadequate, false or misleading information, the application may be excluded from the assessment process.

If an applicant discovers any material discrepancy, ambiguity, inconsistency or errors in their application, they must immediately bring it to the attention of the Queensland Government by emailing QldFeralPestInit@daf.qld.gov.au. The department may request further information from an applicant and allow an applicant to remedy any discrepancy, ambiguity, inconsistency or errors in an application. The department reserves the right to accept or disregard clarification information provided by applicants, and will not consider clarification information that materially improves or amends an applicant's original application.

Applicants should be aware that the giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

7.2 The Queensland Government's rights

The Queensland Government reserves the right to amend these guidelines in its absolute discretion and will, where possible, provide reasonable notice of these amendments. The Queensland Government also reserves the right to vary, suspend or terminate the assessment process at any time and in its absolute discretion. The Queensland Government will also assert rights to ownership around any data collected through implementation of the Initiative, subject of course to privacy and commercial considerations.

7.3 Disclaimer

The Queensland Government, including the department and their officers, employees, agents and advisors:

- are not, and will not be, responsible or liable for the accuracy or completeness of any information in or provided in connection with these guidelines
- make no express or implied representation or warranty that any statement as to future matters will prove correct
- disclaim any and all liability arising from any information provided to an applicant, including errors in, or omissions contained in that information
- except in so far as liability under any statute cannot be excluded, accept no responsibility arising in any way from errors or omissions contained in these guidelines
- accept no liability for any loss or damage suffered by any person as a result of that person, or any other person, placing reliance on the contents of these guidelines or any other information provided by the Queensland Government in respect of the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative.

7.4 Confidentiality and privacy

Applicants must identify any information contained within their application which they consider should be treated as confidential and provide reasons for the request.

The department will only consider a request for confidentiality where:

- the information to be protected is identified in specific rather than global terms
- the information is by its nature confidential or
- disclosure would cause detriment to the parties concerned.

The department is subject to the legislative and administrative accountability and transparency requirements of the Queensland Government, including disclosures to the Parliament and its Committees. Notwithstanding any obligations of confidentiality, the department may disclose, or allow at any time the disclosure of, any information contained in or relating to any application:

- to their advisers, employees or internal management for purposes related to the application and assessment processes, including to evaluate or otherwise assess applications and manage any resultant funding agreement
- to the responsible Minister
- in response to a request by a House or a Committee of the Parliament of the State of Queensland
- within the departments, or with another agency, where this serves the Queensland Government's legitimate interests
- where the information is authorised or required by law to be disclosed, noting that information submitted to the Queensland Government is subject to the *Right to Information Act 2009* (Qld) and its requirements
- where the information is already in the public domain otherwise than due to a breach of any relevant confidentiality obligation by the Queensland Government.

In submitting an application, applicants consent to the department using the information contained in their application for the above mentioned purposes, for administering the Initiative and any other incidental or related purpose. The department will store and use the personal information collected by it in compliance with its obligations under the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld).

Attachment 1

List of eligible organisations in Queensland

- Organisations such as regional natural resource management groups, local governments or a regional organisation of local governments or equivalent body are requested to develop projects through consultation with affected stakeholders. Those stakeholders may include local governments, regional natural resource management groups, Landcare and wild dog committees that identify agreed project proponent or proponents.

Attachment 2 Expression of interest form

- ▣ **Australian Government Pest Animals and Weeds (AGPAW)** – up to \$10 million in 2015-16 to manage the impacts of pest animals and weeds in Queensland which includes the development of regionally agreed projects that incorporate trapping, baiting and fencing.
- ▣ **Wild Dog On-ground Action (WDOGA)** – a \$4 million subprogram to manage the impacts of wild dogs in Queensland which includes the development of regionally agreed projects that incorporate trapping, baiting, education and mentoring.

HOW TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM

Complete this form onscreen by typing in the details. When you have finished, save the file **including the applicant name in the filename**. Email your completed response to QldFeralPestInit@daf.qld.gov.au. If you require assistance or clarification please phone 13 25 23 or email QldFeralPestInit@daf.qld.gov.au

Applicant details

Organisation:	
Contact name:	Position:
Phone:	Email:
Fax:	ABN:

Project participants

Organisation	Role	Contact

Other collaborators

Project location

Statewide	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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or

Name of region (s) and local government areas	
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PRELIMINARY PROJECT OVERVIEW

(Note that this should be a brief initial indication of intent and it is understood that once further consultation has occurred, the project overview may change) – Maximum 300 words.

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Indication of the grant request \$..... (GST exclusive)
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ACTIONS THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO DEVELOP PROJECT

What will be done, who will be contacted, how will agreement be reached? Examples could include; Technical officer meeting, community consultation, method of draft and finalising agreement on the project.

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