



# February 2019—Steering Committee meeting

On Wednesday 20 February 2019, the Steering Committee for the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program—South East Queensland (the Program) participated in a workshop on the review of the Ten Year Plan. Items considered included community engagement, planned broad-scale treatment, planned targeted treatment, self-treatment, responsive treatment, remote sensing surveillance, planned targeted surveillance, movement controls, proof of freedom and preventing re-infestation.

The Steering Committee met for the quarterly meeting on Thursday, 21 February 2019.

The attendees at the Steering Committee meeting were:

Name	Position/Area
Wendy Craik	Independent Chair
Josephine Laduzko	Australian Government
John Robertson	Queensland
Scott Charlton	New South Wales (on behalf of Bruce Christie)
Michael Rosier	Victoria



## Name

## Position/Area

John van Schagen

Western Australia

During its meeting, the Steering Committee:

- endorsed the revised strategic direction for the Ten Year Plan to incorporate the extension of the Western Boundary and the funding realignment
- considered the National Biosecurity website would be an ideal portal to host the NRIFAEP Steering Committee webpage
- considered the comments/feedback provided by the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) on:
  - remote sensing
  - treatment of the western boundary
  - treatment plan
  - scientific principles for movement controls
  - movement controls and industry – nurseries
  - self-treatment by landowners
  - treatment protocols
- considered the feedback provided by the Risk Management Sub-Committee including the revised Risk Management Plan and the Risk Register
- reviewed the Terms of Reference and agreed to the amendments.

The Steering Committee also noted:

- the General Manager's update in relation to the Program, including:
  - the Remote Sensing surveillance Project update
  - the 2017-18 Annual Report and Quarterly Report for 2018-19 update
  - the Brisbane Airport update
  - the Biosecurity Protocol—treatment and sampling protocols



- the program's financial report presenting the financial performance of the Program for the period 1 July 2018–31 December 2018
- the implications of the Western Boundary strategy including budget issues
- that advice from SAG on Proof of Freedom will be provided to the Steering Committee in the May 2019 meeting.

The Steering Committee will next meet in May 2019.

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