

OWNER REIMBURSEMENT COSTS

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A new pest detection

- Notification and national activities occur under the **Emergency Plant Pest** Response Deed (the 'Deed')
- On the ground – grower engagement with the 'Lead Agency' and your industry representative body
 - A point of contact (case manager)
 - Information and support
- Responding to an emergency plant pest?
 - containment efforts – likely to involve movement restrictions
 - eradication efforts – movement restrictions, crop destruction, host free period, additional treatment measures

Owner reimbursements costs (ORC)

- Reimbursement to Owners directly impacted by actions specified under an approved Response Plan
- Defined scope – not all losses/costs
- Independent valuation, with payment made by State/Territory government
- 'ORC Evidence Framework' – what records or data is needed

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Owner Reimbursement Costs (ORCs)

Grower financial recovery after a new pest/disease detection



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Role and Obligations of a Peak Industry Body in ORCs

Preparedness:

- Work with Plant Health Australia to establish the ORC framework for the cropping sector – As per Schedule 17 of Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD)
- Encourage/work with growers to implement sound business practices including financial record keeping – store for a minimum of 5 years (BMP Program)
- Work with growers to adopt and implement a sound ordering/dispatching system that can trace crops along the supply chain

Incursion Response:

- 1. Work with growers immediately impacted**
 - a) Outline the ORC process and evidence requirements
 - b) Advise of response activities – what is likely to happen at each stage
 - c) Assist growers in compiling evidence during the response
 - d) Be the contact point for growers – answer questions/advocate
- 2. Work with Lead Agency (government)**
 - a) Advocate grower issues/concerns
 - b) Assist in identifying likely ORC eligible costs (based on the response)
- 3. Work with Plant Health Australia (PHA)**
 - a) Review ORC framework to ensure applicability
 - b) Assist in ORC assessor selection
 - c) Work with ORC assessor - Subject Matter Expert