

Appendix 4

Assistance and Compensation Offered to Emerald Growers

Interim Assistance Package - Funding for Management of Pest Risk			
Date	Package	Agency Responsible	Details
1 February 2005	Funding for orchard maintenance	Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries	<p>Queensland Premier announced the provision of \$55,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding provided to <u>two</u> growers to take necessary action to ensure the lemons and limes on their properties did not become a pest risk • Growers met their contractual arrangements and were paid by QDPIF
Citrus Industry Recovery Scheme			
24 February 2005 (Announced 9 February 2005)	Loan Package	Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries	<p>Scheme available to Queensland growers with a crop available for harvesting in 2005/2006:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to loans – maximum lending amounts for eligible applicants of up to \$500,000 • Two-year interest-free period for Emerald growers

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved applicants from outside Emerald area to be subject to Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority (QRAA) fixed term interest rates of either one or three years • No fees and charges on QRAA loans
Non-Financial Support Measures for Growers			
14 April 2005	Support measures for growers	Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries actioned measures	<p>Range of support measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefings for relevant financial institutions • Ensuring growers had access to farm financial counsellors • Assistance for Emerald growers to identify production alternatives <p>(based on Primary Industries Standing Committee's recommendations in its paper, "<i>Citrus Canker Transitional Adjustment Issues</i>")</p>

Australian Government Citrus Canker Assistance Package

11 February 2005	Loan Package and Income Support	Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry	<p>Minister Truss announced \$1.5 million package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to Queensland citrus growers and production nurseries • Interest rate subsidy (50% of interest up to \$100,000 per year for two years) • Income support (at similar rate to Newstart Allowance) • Market Facilitation Project
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Citrus Canker Reimbursement Package (Funded by Commonwealth/State Governments and Industry)

10 August 2005	Reimbursement and re-establishment package	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries	<p>\$11.5 million package announced by Federal and State Ministers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed to provide reimbursement and re-establishment payments for 115,000 non-infested trees destroyed after 3 June 2005 • Eligible growers entitled to apply for a
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		<p>Package funded:</p> <p>40% Commonwealth Govt.</p> <p>40% State Government</p> <p>20% Citrus industry</p>	<p>reimbursement payment of \$80 per citrus tree and \$20 for each tree for the re-establishment of a citrus orchard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First payment of \$40 per tree paid when trees cut and stacked for burning• Second \$40 instalment paid in November 2005• Re-establishment assistance of \$20 per tree due to be paid in 2007-08 financial year
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