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PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

No. 107

INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 1995 (the Regulation). The plan sets out how Greater Hume Shire will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

The Greater Hume Shire proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls in the area contained in Appendix 1 (Greater Hume Shire *geographic area*):

- public gardens
- parks
- playgrounds
- picnic areas
- public land owned or controlled by the Greater Hume Shire including:
 - road verges and reserves
 - laneways and pathways
 - road, rail, utility or other easements accessible to the public
 - drains
 - camping grounds
 - other public places
- land reserved under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 Crown Land*

Although not required by the Regulation, this notification plan will also provide information on how notice will be provided to the community of pesticide use in the interiors of the following Greater Hume Shire buildings or throughout the listed facilities.

This plan will also detail the circumstances under which notification will not be given.

An estimate of the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places is summarised in the following table.

Public places Including public gardens, parks, picnic areas, playgrounds, sporting fields and ovals, camping grounds and swimming pools and grounds	Regular user groups General public	Level of use of public place High	Type of pesticide use Spot herbicides or insecticides selective or non-selective herbicides Fungicides Spray termiticides Spray ant control Bait termiticides, Spray ant control Bait bird control vertebrate baiting
Road verges and reserves	General Public	Low	selective or non selective herbicides vertebrate baiting
Laneways and pathways including drains	General public	Medium	selective or non selective herbicides
Land reserved under <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act</i> including crown land	General public	Low	selective or non selective herbicides, large vertebrate baiting
Interiors of public buildings	General public	High	Selected insecticides, spray termicides, bait termicides, spray ant control, vertebrate baiting
Swimming pool buildings and grounds	General public	High	Selected insecticides, spray termicides, bait termicides, spray ant control, vertebrate baiting

NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Greater Hume Shire Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places. These notification arrangements are based on Council's assessment of:

- the level of usage of public places where pesticides may be used,
- the extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides and are likely to use these areas regularly,
- the extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some direct contact with pesticides, and
- type of pesticide used

Notice could be provided in any of the following ways:

- **signs** displayed at the entrances to a public place or in other highly used areas
- **advertisements** in the local newspaper
- **website** information
- **letterbox drops** to residents
- **mail outs** to known users of public places
- **permanent signage**
- **individual notification** by telephone, letter, fax, face-to-face contact etc
- **phone** contact line or recorded information service
- **community meetings**
- **information fact sheets** for example, mailed with bill/rates notices
- **responding** to all reasonable requests for information
- **notification register**

Council will provide information required by clause 11L(2)(g) of the Pesticides Regulation, via a combination of these methods, to cover the following requirements,

- the full product name of the product used,
- the proposed dates or date range of the use, and
- The purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pests are being treated and,
- The places where the pesticides are to be used, and,
- Any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide label or the APVMA permit (if any)
- Contact telephone number of the Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice.

Council will allow persons or organisations to nominate to have their details placed on a register which would allow them to be notified of certain types of pesticide use in particular places.

HOW AND WHEN NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE WILL BE PROVIDED

1. Public Gardens, Parks, Picnic Areas, Playgrounds, Camping Grounds, Sporting Fields and Ovals and Buildings and Grounds of local authority Swimming Pools

In these public places signs will be provided to the general community near the application area or main entrance at least 24 hours prior to application and remain for at least 24 hours afterwards (or as advised according to the label directions) for the following pesticide uses:-

Selective herbicides

Non selective herbicides

Insecticides

Fungicides

Vertebrate control

What information will be displayed?

In accordance with clause 11L(2)(g) of the pesticides regulation, notices of pesticide use will include the following information

- the full product name of the product used,
- the proposed dates or date range of the use, and
- The purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pests are being treated and,
- The places where the pesticides are to be used, and,
- Any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide label or the APVMA permit (if any)
- contact telephone number of the Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice.

2. Road verges and reserves

In these public places notice will be provided by advertisements in the local paper if applicable, permanent signage on the spray vehicle dispensing the chemical and signs displayed on the roads nominating spraying in progress.

3. Laneways, Pathways and Drains

In these public places notice will be provided by advertisements in the local paper if applicable, permanent signage on the spray vehicle dispensing the chemical and signs displayed on the roads nominating spraying in progress

4. Land reserved under national parks and wildlife Act and or Crown Land

In these public places signs will be provided to the general community near the application area or main entrance at least 24 hours prior to application and remain for at least 24 hours afterwards for the following pesticide uses

5. Interiors of public buildings (optional)

In these public places signs will be provided to the general community near the application area or main entrance at least 24 hours prior to application and remain for at least 24 hours afterwards for the following pesticide uses

6. (a) Special measures for sensitive places

Clause 11J(1) of the pesticides Regulation defines a sensitive place to be any;

- (a) school or pre-school
- (b) kindergarten
- (c) childcare centre
- (d) hospital
- (e) community health centre
- (f) nursing home
- (g) other place declared to be sensitive by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)
– now part of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DCE)

6. (b) For non emergency pesticide use in and around sensitive areas council will provide notice shortly before use to the occupier by one or more of the following

- o phone directly
- o door knock

- o letter
- o letter box drop.

7. Emergency Pesticide Applications

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or other dangerous pests, Council will, where possible, provide notice by posting signs, or directly communicating with those affected, at the time of application. If this is not possible, communication will be at the first available opportunity.

8. Public places and pesticide uses where the Greater Hume Shire will not provide any notification

The Greater Hume Shire will not provide notification for pesticide uses where small amounts of domestic type products are used that are normally available in supermarkets, in aerosol cans, baits or handheld products.

Example 1: small quantities (less than 5 litres of 'ready to use' spray mix of glyphosate and metsulfuron herbicides applied by hand-held applicator or by cut and paint or stem injection techniques or

Example 2: minor control of indoor and outdoor pests using baits or hand held aerosols

No notification will be given if private landholders use pesticides on public land, i.e. weed control along fence lines, or along front residential verges.

The Greater Hume Shire will not provide notification in public places over which persons or organisations hold an existing lease on greater Hume Shire land. For these places, the Greater Hume Shire will not provide notification of pesticide use, but it will request the lessee to carry out notification of the lessee's pesticide use in a manner consistent with this plan. Where possible, the Greater Hume Shire will require lessee's, as a condition of their lease, to comply with this plan.

No notification will be given if the public place is closed to the public (e.g. swimming pools outside the swimming season).

Remote areas where there is little likelihood of them being encountered by the public.

Where council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, Council will ensure that notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this plan.

HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

The Greater Hume Shire will advise residents of this plan and its contents by:

- making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at its offices at Culcairn, Holbrook, Jindera, Walla Walla and Henty.
- placing a copy of the plan on the its website
- placing a notice in Border Mail Times, Daily Advertiser and/or Riverina Chronicle.
placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette

FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every 5 years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will include:

- a report on progress of implementing the plan
- placing the plan on public exhibition, with any proposed changes and calling for public submissions
- in light of public submissions, making recommendation for alterations (if applicable) to the plan

CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact Council to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact:

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Greater Hume Shire geographical area.

POLICY DOCUMENT CONTROL:

Pesticide Use Notification Plan		Adopted 20Dec06 Minute 823
Pesticide Use Notification Plan	Revised	Adopted 17Feb10 Minute 2199
Pesticide Use Notification Plan	Revised	Adopted 15Jul15 Minute 4101