



PESTICIDE USE

NOTIFICATION

PLAN

INTRODUCTION

This *Pesticide use Notification plan* has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 'Pesticides Regulation 2009'. The plan sets out how Council will notify members of the community of pesticide / herbicide applications it makes or allows to be made in public places that it has access to.

Riverina Water County Council is a water supply authority that supplies drinking water to a number of Local Government areas including the City of Wagga and the Shires of Greater Hume, Lockhart and Urana, which includes the towns of Uranquinty, Ladysmith, Tarcutta, Yerong Creek, Mangoplah, Humula, Henty, Morven, Ralvona, Holbrook, Woomargama, Culcairn, Walla Walla, Walbundrie, Rand, Oaklands, Pleasant Hills, Urana, The Rock, French Park, Milbrulong, Lockhart, Boree Creek, Morundah, Bulgary, Currawarna, Collingullie, The Gap, Brucedale, Oura and rural areas.

There are over 27,000 customer connections within the 15,500 sq km served.

AIM

The aim of this plan is to meet the community's right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are controlled / used / managed or owned by Council. This plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides and the methods Council implements is designed to have minimal impact on the local environment.

PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides / herbicides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it has access to:

- Road verges and reserves;
- Road and rail easements accessible to the public;

It should be noted that Council uses pesticides / herbicides on land that has no potential for legal public access so is not considered to be a public place. An example of this would be pipeline and channel easement agreements between private land holders and Council. Notwithstanding the above where pesticides/herbicides are to be used on Riverina Water easements, the owners or occupiers of encumbered land will be advised of pesticide/herbicide use.

The majority of pesticide use by Council consists of applying herbicides for weed control (primarily glyphosate) and the minor use of pesticides to control rodents and insects (primarily Rodex B and Solfac). Minor uses include applying pesticides to control certain insect pests within buildings and pits and baits to control rodents in and around buildings and pits.

NOTE: The use of pesticides (Rodex B & Solfac) is confined to buildings and pit areas owned and operated by Council and not open or accessible to the public.

PESTICIDE / HERBICIDE USE

<i>Public places</i>	<i>Regular user groups</i>	<i>Level of use of public place</i>	<i>Type of pesticide / herbicide use</i>
Road reserves	Motorists, the general public, employees and / or contractors etc	Variable and seasonal - low in remote areas but the possibility of medium to high use in urban areas	Herbicides, (glyphosate)
Road and rail easements accessible to the public	Motorists, the general public, employees and / or contractors etc	Variable and seasonal – Low usage	Herbicides, (glyphosate)

NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

Council’s normal method of notification will be to have a sign on the vehicle (weed spraying) advising that pesticide use is occurring in combination with information on the pesticide being available from the operator upon inquiry.

In accordance with clause 20 (1) (h) of the Pesticides Regulation, the operator will be able to provide following information:

- the full product name of the pesticide to be used, and
- the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated, and
- the date/s or date range of the pesticide use, and
- the places where the pesticide is being used, and
- contact details for a Council officer who can discuss the notice,
- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label.

Operators will also carry the material safety data sheet (MSDS) relating to the pesticide in use.

No notice will be given for pesticide uses entailing small amounts of domestic-type pesticide products normally available in supermarkets, in aerosol cans, baits, wands or hand held spray bottles.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Council will advise the community of this plan and its contents by:

- Having a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, in Councils Office at 91 Hammond Ave. Wagga Wagga, and
- Including a copy of the plan on Councils website. (www.rwcc.com.au)

FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

This notification plan will be reviewed every 2 years or when circumstances require a review.

The review will be published on Councils website to allow submissions from interested parties, and if needed a revised plan prepared.

CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact Council regarding this *Pesticide Use Notification Plan* can do so by contacting;

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