



PESTICIDE

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NOTIFICATION

PLAN

INTRODUCTION

This Pesticide use Notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 'Pesticides Regulation 1995'. 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.

Goldenfields Water County Council is a water supply authority that supplies drinking water to over 40,000 people within the Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Harden, Junee, Temora, Young and part of Narrandera. This is an area spread over 20,000 square kilometres between the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

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;
- § State forests.

It should be noted that Council uses pesticides / herbicides on land that has no potential for legal access so is not considered to be a public place. An example of this would be pipeline easement agreements between private land holders and Council.

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)
State forests	Motorists, the general public, employees and / or contractors etc	Variable and seasonal – Low to medium 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 11L (2) (g) 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 (MSDA) 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, at Councils Office in 84 Parkes Street Temora, and
- § Including a copy of the plan on Councils website.
(www.goldenfieldswater.nsw.gov.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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