

PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

Introduction

This *Pesticide Notification Plan* has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 'NSW Pesticides Regulation 2009'. The plan sets out how Council will notify members of the community of chemical applications it undertakes in Public places.

Goldenfields Water County Council is a water supply authority that supplies drinking water to over 40,000 consumers within the Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Harden, Junee, Temora, Young and part of Narrandera.

Aim

This plan informs the community about chemical applications that occur in public places. Council's chemical application procedures are designed to have minimal impact on the local environment.

Public Places

Council applies chemicals in the following outdoor public places:

- Road verges
- Road and rail easements
- State forests

Council's majority use of chemicals is on land that is not considered to be a public place. An example of this is pipeline easement agreements with private land holders.

The term 'use' consists of applying herbicides for weed control (glyphosate) and the minor use of pesticides to control rodents and insects (Rodex B, Solfac and WebZone)

Note: The use of Pesticides is confined to buildings and in-ground pits owned and operated by Council which are not open to or accessible to the public

Pesticide/Herbicide Use

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of Public Use	Level of Chemical Use	Chemical Description
Road reserves	General public, employees and/or contractors etc	Variable and seasonal Low usage	Low to Medium	Herbicides (glyphosates)
Road & rail easements	General public, employees and/or contractors etc	Variable and seasonal Low usage	Low to Medium	Herbicides (glyphosates)
State forests	General public, employees and/or contractors etc	Variable and seasonal Low usage	Low	Herbicides (glyphosates)

Notification

When applying chemicals Council will display a sign on the vehicle **'Weed Spraying'** with information being available from the operator.

The operator will be able to provide the following information:

- The full product name of the chemical in use, and
- The purpose of its use, clearly setting out what weeds are being treated, and
- The date/s or date range of the chemical use, and
- The places where the chemical is being used, and
- Contact details for a Council Officer who can discuss the notice, and
- Any restrictions.

Operators will also carry Safety Data Sheets (SDS) relating to the chemical application. No notice will be given for chemicals readily available in supermarkets to the general public.

Community Information

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

- Having a copy available for viewing, free of charge, at Council's office in 84 Parkes Street Temora, and
- Including a copy of the plan on Council's website (www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au)

Reviews

This plan will be reviewed every 2 years or when circumstances dictate a review (Reviewed 21/8/2015). The review will be published on Council's website to allow submissions from interested parties, and if needed a revised plan prepared.