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PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION PLAN

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PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

1. Introduction

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 2009 (the Regulation). The plan sets out how Leeton Shire Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

The plan describes:

- What public places are covered by the plan
- Who regularly uses these public places & an estimate of the level of that use
- How and when Council will provide the community with the information about its pesticide applications in public places
- How the community can access this plan & get more information about the notification arrangements
- How future reviews of the plan will be conducted
- Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with Council

Council will only use pesticides in public places when necessary to eliminate noxious, environmental and nuisance weeds, to protect public property from pest damage & to protect the users of public places from nuisance or danger. The majority of Councils pesticide use consists of applying herbicides for weed control. Frequency of programmed applications will depend on seasonal and/or various specific requirements.

2. Public Places Covered By This Plan

Leeton Shire Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls in the Leeton Shire Council Area. These areas include:

- **Public parks & gardens**
- **Playgrounds**
- **Picnic areas**
- **Sporting fields & golf course**
- **Swimming pools**
- **Stadiums**
- **Tennis courts**
- **Cemeteries**

- Commons
- Reserves
- Caravan parks & camping grounds
- Easements accessible to the public
- Pedestrian laneways & pathways
- Road reserves & shoulders
- Drains
- Waste disposal depot

Leeton Shire Council's 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 owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide used
Public parks & gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children and young families • elderly people • general public 	high use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • spot insecticides • broad scale selective herbicides • broad scale non-selective herbicides • broad scale insecticides • fungicides • growth regulators
Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children and young families • elderly people • general public 	high use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • spot insecticides • broad scale selective herbicides • broad scale insecticides • fungicides • growth regulators

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide used
Picnic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children and young families • elderly people • social groups • general public 	high use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • spot insecticides • broad scale selective herbicides • broad scale non-selective herbicides • broad scale insecticides • fungicides • growth regulators
Sporting fields and ovals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting groups, clubs & associations • school sports groups • general public 	high use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • spot insecticides • broad scale selective herbicides • broad scale insecticides • fungicides • growth regulators
Swimming Pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting groups, clubs & associations • school sports groups • general users 	high use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • spot insecticides • broad scale selective herbicides • broad scale insecticides • growth regulators
Stadiums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting groups, clubs & associations • school sports groups • general public 	medium use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • spot insecticides • broad scale selective herbicides • broad scale insecticide • growth regulators
Tennis Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting groups, clubs & associations • school sports groups • general public 	medium use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • spot insecticides • growth regulators
Cemeteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general public • interments • visitors 	medium use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • spot insecticides • broad scale selective herbicides • broad scale non-selective herbicides • broad scale insecticides • fungicides • growth regulators • vertebrate baiting

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide used
Commons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commoners • general public 	low use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • broad scale selective herbicides • vertebrate baiting
Reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general public • organised groups 	low – medium use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • broad scale selective herbicides • spot insecticides • vertebrate baiting
Caravan parks & camping grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • residents • visitors • general public • families 	high - use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • spot insecticides • broad scale selective herbicides • broad scale non-selective herbicides • broad scale insecticides
Easements accessible to the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visitors to the area • local residents 	low use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • broad scale selective herbicides • broad scale non-selective herbicides
Pedestrian laneways and pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local residents & people who work in the area • visitors to the area 	medium-high use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • broad scale non-selective herbicides
Road reserves & shoulders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local residents or visitors walking or driving on the road 	<p>low for rural roads</p> <p>high for urban roads</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • broad scale selective herbicides • broad scale non-selective herbicides • vertebrate baiting
Drains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local residents & people who work in the area • local residents or visitors who walk or drive past a drain 	low – medium use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • broad scale non-selective herbicides

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide used
Waste disposal depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local residents • contractors 	medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot herbicides • broad scale non-selective herbicides • spot insecticides • broad scale insecticides • vertebrate baiting

3. Notification Arrangements

This section of the plan describes how and when Leeton Shire Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, including special measures for sensitive places that are adjacent to public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

These notification requirements are based on Leeton Shire Council's assessment of:

- The level of usage of public places where pesticides may be used.
- The extents to which members of the public that are likely to be sensitive to pesticides use these areas.
- The type of pesticide used.

Council uses small quantities of some pesticides that are widely available in retail outlets and ordinarily used for domestic purposes (including home gardening). Council does not intend to provide notice for such pesticide applications other than by way of description in this plan. This will apply to minor control of indoor and outdoor pests using baits, aerosols spray cans wands or hand-held spray bottles.

Where members of the public use pesticides to maintain public places such as grass verges and along fence lines, Council will not provide notice of their pesticide use.

Notice of pesticide use will be provided by one or a combination of the following:

- Signs
- Letters
- Phone contact
- Fax or email
- Door knocking/letter box drops
- Newspaper notices
- Council website

(a) Public parks & gardens, Playgrounds, Picnic areas, Cemeteries & Sporting Fields

Notification arrangements for these locations will be by way of signs erected at the main entrances and/or near the application area. The signs will be erected immediately prior to the

application and will remain in place as declared on the pesticide label. This will apply for the following pesticide applications only.

- Broad scale selective herbicides
- Broad scale non-selective herbicides
- Broad scale insecticides
- Fungicides
- Growth regulators

Note – No notice will be given for the application of spot herbicide/insecticides applied with handheld/backpack sprayers & vehicle mounted low voltage spray units.

Where any of these locations are adjacent to a sensitive place prior notification of at least 2 working days will be given by way of letter, email, phone call or fax. This will apply for any chemical application including spot herbicide/insecticide applications.

Clause 18 of the Pesticides Regulation defines a sensitive place to be any of the following:

- A school or pre-school
- A kindergarten
- A childcare facility
- A hospital
- A community health centre
- A nursing home
- A place declared to be a sensitive place by the Department of Environment & Conservation (DEC) by notice in the Government Gazette.

(b) Swimming pools, Stadiums & Tennis courts

Notification arrangements for these locations will be by way of signs erected at the main entrances and/or near the application area. The signs will be erected immediately prior to the application and will remain in place as declared on the pesticide label. Pesticide application in these areas will be undertaken outside the normal operating hours. This will apply for the following pesticide applications only:

- Broad scale selective herbicides
- Broad scale non-selective herbicides
- Broad scale insecticides
- Fungicides

Note – No notice will be given for the application of spot herbicide/insecticides applied with handheld/backpack sprayers & vehicle mounted hand gun units.

Where any of these locations are adjacent to a sensitive place (as previously identified) prior notification of at least 2 working days will be given by way of letter, email, phone call or fax. This will apply for any chemical application including spot herbicide/insecticide applications.

(c) Commons & Reserves

Notification arrangements for these locations will be by way of signs erected in the general vicinity of the application and/or by notification in the local news paper, depending on which method is

deemed most likely to reach regular users. The signs if appropriate to the area will be erected immediately prior to the application and will remain in place as declared on the pesticide label. This will apply for the following pesticide applications only:

- Broad scale selective herbicides
- Broad scale non-selective herbicides
- Broad scale insecticides
- Fungicides
- Vertebrate baiting

Note – No notice will be given for the application of spot herbicide/insecticides applied with handheld/backpack sprayers & vehicle mounted hand gun units.

Where any of these locations are adjacent to a sensitive place (as previously identified) prior notification of at least 2 working days will be given by way of letter, email, phone call or fax. This will apply for any chemical application including spot herbicide/insecticide applications.

(d) Caravan parks & camping grounds

Notification arrangements for these locations will be by way of signs erected at the main entrances and/or near the application area at least 2 days prior to the pesticide application. The signs will remain in place as declared on the pesticide label. This will apply for the following pesticide applications only.

- Broad scale selective herbicides
- Broad scale non-selective herbicides
- Broad scale insecticides
- Fungicides

Note – No notice will be given for the application of spot herbicide/insecticides applied with handheld/backpack sprayers & vehicle mounted hand gun units.

Where any of these locations are adjacent to a sensitive place (as previously identified) prior notification of at least 2 working days will be given by way of letter, email, phone call or fax. This will apply for any chemical application including spot herbicide/insecticide applications.

(e) Easements, Laneways & pathways

Notification arrangements for these locations will be by way of signs erected in the general vicinity of the application area and/or by notification in the local news paper, depending on which method is deemed to be the most likely to reach regular users. The signs if appropriate to the area will be erected immediately prior to the application and will remain in place as declared on the pesticide label. This will apply for the following pesticide applications only:

- Broad scale selective herbicides
- Broad scale non-selective herbicides
- Broad scale insecticides
- Fungicides

Note – No notice will be given for the application of spot herbicide/insecticides applied with handheld/backpack sprayers & vehicle mounted hand gun units.

Where any of these locations are adjacent to a sensitive place (as previously identified) prior notification of at least 2 working days will be given by way of letter, email, phone call or fax. This will apply for any chemical application including spot herbicide/insecticide applications.

(f) Road reserves & shoulders, Drains

Notification arrangements for these locations will be by way of notices placed in the local news paper covering pesticide applications for periods of 3 months. This will apply for the following pesticide applications only:

- Broad scale selective herbicides
- Broad scale non-selective herbicides
- Broad scale insecticides
- Fungicides
- Vertebrate baiting

Note – No notice will be given for the application of spot herbicide/insecticides applied with handheld/backpack sprayers & vehicle mounted hand gun units.

Where any of these locations are adjacent to a sensitive place (as previously identified) prior notification of at least 2 working days will be given by way of letter, email, phone call or fax. This will apply for any chemical application including spot herbicide/insecticide applications.

(g) Waste disposal depot

Notification arrangements for these locations will be by way of notices placed in the local news paper covering pesticide applications for periods of 3 months. This will apply for the following pesticide applications only:

- Broad scale selective herbicides
- Broad scale non-selective herbicides
- Broad scale insecticides
- Vertebrate baiting

Note – No notice will be given for the application of spot herbicide/insecticides applied with handheld/backpack sprayers & vehicle mounted hand gun units.

(h) Emergency pesticide application

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, spiders etc Council will endeavour to provide notice by posting signs near the application area whilst undertaking the pesticide application.

Note – No notice will be given for the application of spot insecticides applied with handheld/backpack sprayers & vehicle mounted hand gun units.

(i) Contractors & lessees of public places

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.

Where persons or organisations hold a lease on Council land that remains a public place and if they use pesticides in this area, Council will not provide notice of the lessees pesticide use. Council will however request that lessees provide notification of their pesticide use in accordance with the requirements of this plan.

4. Information that will be provided

In accordance with clause 20 (1) (h) of the Pesticides Regulation, notice of pesticides uses will include the following information:

- The full product name of the pesticide to be used
- The purpose of the use (clearly setting out what pest/s are being treated)
- The proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use
- The contact details of the Council officer responsible who people can contact to discuss the notice
- Any warnings regarding the re-entry to or use of the area treated(if specified on the pesticide label)

5. Future reviews of the plan

The notification plan will be reviewed every 5 years (or sooner if circumstances require). The review will include:

- A report on the success of the plan
- Public consultation on changes made as a result of the review

6. Contact details

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

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Note: An amendment to include vertebrate baiting in the following areas was made on 31.10.07.

- Cemeteries

- Commons
- Reserves
- Road Reserves and Shoulders
- Waste disposal depot

Appendices

Appendix A – Sample pesticide notification sign

Appendix B – Leeton Shire map

Appendix A – Sample pesticide notification sign

 <p style="text-align: center;">WARNING PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL</p> 
PESTICIDE NAME:
PURPOSE OF USE:
AREA TO BE TREATED:

DATE/S OF INTENDED USE:
WARNINGS FOR RE-ENTRY:
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Appendix B – Leeton Shire map showing area to which this plan applies.

