



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

12<sup>th</sup> December 2006

<b>DCCS14</b>	<b>DRAFT PESTICIDES USE NOTIFICATION PLAN</b>
	<b>FILE: 810 GWE</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the Draft Pesticide Use Notification Plan for Council.



The Department of Environment and Conservation under the Pesticides Regulation 1995 (the Regulation) requires that Councils develop a Pesticides Use Notification Plan by the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007

The aim of this plan is to meet the community's general right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are owned or controlled by public authorities.

The plan sets out how Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications made by Council to public places.

The plan describes:

- what public places are covered by the plan
- who regularly uses these public places and an estimate of the level of use
- how and when Council will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places (i.e. what notification arrangements will be used)
- how the community can access this plan and get more information about
- Council's notification arrangements
- how future reviews of the plan will be conducted. Every 5 years.
- Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with Council.

Pesticides include herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, bird baits and large vertebrate baits.

The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides, if they wish and ensures that pesticides are applied in accordance with the respective Pesticide Label to public places

in a safe responsible manner, minimising harm to the community or the environment.

The pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Regulation.

It is now proposed to advertise this draft plan in accordance with Council Community Consultation framework with the document going on public exhibition for twenty-eight (28) days.

A copy of the draft Plan is attached at [\(Appendix M\)](#).

## **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***Gazette of this plan will result in the public being able to take action to avoid contact with pesticides. The plan will also minimise harm to the community and environment.***

- ***Social***

***There are no social impacts***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***There are no financial implications arising for this report.***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

***This Plan needs to go on public exhibition for 28 days. The Plan has to be Gazetted and a formal letter sent to Department of Environment and Conservation by 1 February 2007, informing them that Council has complied with their requirements.***

- ***Director's Review***

***The draft Plan was endorsed by the Strategic Planning Group on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006 with minor variations incorporated.***

***Council Policy C22:1 "Chemical Sensitivity" provides for Council to maintain a register of persons who suffer from chemical sensitivity, and for notification to those persons where chemical spraying is proposed.***

***This Policy should now be reviewed in line with the "Pesticides Use Notification Plan".***

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Draft "Pesticides Use Notification Plan" be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.**

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**DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES**