



# **PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN**

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## 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 Bogan Shire Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to outdoor public places that it owns or controls.

The term 'pesticide' is applied to chemicals used to kill pests and minimise their impact on agriculture, health and other human interests. Pesticides are often classified according to the organisms which they are used to control, e.g. fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides, nematocides, rodenticides, algaecides, baits, repellents etc.

Bogan Shire Council ensures that staff and contractors adopt best management practices in the application of pesticides to public places minimising harm to the community or the environment..

## 2. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Bogan 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 Bogan Shire:

- public gardens
- parks
- playgrounds
- picnic areas
- sporting fields and ovals
- public land owned or controlled by the Bogan Shire Council, including:
  - road verges and reserves
  - laneways and pathways
  - road, rail, utility or other easements accessible to the public
  - drains
  - showground
  - camping grounds
  - saleyards
  - cemeteries
  - Council owned public buildings
- grounds of government schools or TAFE facilities.

Bogan Shire Council 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.

<b>Public gardens, Parks, Picnic areas, Playgrounds, Sporting fields, Cemeteries, Camping grounds, Council owned public buildings</b>	Children, family's and elderly people – locals and tourists, contractors, Council staff, community groups.	High	Spot spray herbicides, insecticides or fungicides.  Broad scale spraying insecticides and herbicides.
<b>Road verges and reserves</b>	Contractors, Council staff, adjoining landholders.	Low	Spot spray herbicides or insecticides.  Broad scale spraying insecticides and herbicides.
<b>Laneways and pathways</b>	Children, family's and elderly people – local residents, contractors and tourists.	Medium	Spot spray herbicides or insecticides.
<b>Easements accessible to the public (e.g. road, rail, water, sewer, electricity)</b>	Children, family's and elderly people – local residents, council staff and contractors.	Low	Spot spray herbicides or insecticides.  Broad scale spraying insecticides and herbicides.
<b>Drains</b>	Contractors, Council staff, local residents.	Low	Spot spray herbicides or insecticides.  Broad scale spraying insecticides and herbicides.
<b>Grounds of government schools or TAFE facilities</b>	Children, family's and elderly people.	High	Spot spray herbicides or insecticides.
<b>Swimming pool buildings and grounds</b>	Children, family's, elderly people and tourists.	High	Spot spray herbicides or insecticides.

### 3. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Bogan 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 Bogan Shire Council's, assessment that:

- The level of usage of the public places where pesticides may be used
- The extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides are likely to use the area
- The extent to which activities are undertaken in the area which could lead to contact with pesticides
- Type of pesticide used

### 4. HOW AND WHEN NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE WILL BE PROVIDED

#### **Public gardens, Parks, Picnic areas, Playgrounds, Sporting fields, swimming pool, Cemeteries, Camping grounds, Council owned public buildings**

For all the above, verbal notice upon request will be given by the applicator, or by contacting the Bogan Shire Council office, and any information requested regarding the spraying will be provided during or after the application for the following pesticide uses:

- *Spraying of weeds*
- *Spraying of Pests*

#### **Road verges, Drains, Reserves, laneways and pathways, Road, rail and easements accessible to the public**

For all the above, verbal notice upon request will be given by the applicator, or by contacting Bogan shire Council office, and any information requested regarding the spraying will be provided during or after the application for the following pesticide uses:

- *Spraying of weeds*
- *Spraying of pests*

### ***Grounds of government schools or TAFE facilities***

For grounds of government schools and TAFE facilities, verbal notice will be provided to the principal or Senior person in charge before application for the following pesticide uses:

- *Spraying of weeds*
- *Spraying of pests*

### **5. SPECIAL MEASURES FOR SENSITIVE PLACES**

Clause 18 of the *Pesticides Regulation 2009* defines a sensitive place to be any:

- school or pre-school
- kindergarten
- childcare centre
- hospital
- community health centre
- nursing home
- Any place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority by order published in the Gazette.

Special notification measures for programmed pesticide use in public places adjacent to the above will consist of verbal notice being give to the person in charge of the above establishments prior to application for the following pesticide uses:

- *Spraying of weeds*
- *Spraying of pests*

## **5. NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS**

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard), verbal notice will be provided upon request by the applicator or by contacting the Bogan Shire Council office for the following pesticide uses:

- Spraying of weeds
- Spraying of pests

## **6. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED**

In accordance with clause 20 of the *Pesticides Regulation 2009*, notice of pesticides uses will include the 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 proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use, and
- the places where the pesticide is to be used, and
- contact telephone number and email address of the Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice, and
- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the APVMA<sup>1</sup> permit.

## **7. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN**

Bogan Shire Council will advise residents of this plan and its contents by:

- making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at its main office at Cobar Street, Nyngan
- placing a copy of the plan on the Bogan Shire Council website

## **8. FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN**

The notification plan will be reviewed every five years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will include:

- a report on progress of implementing the plan
- public consultation on the notification methods outlined in the plan by exhibiting a plan for comment with proposed amendments

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<sup>1</sup> The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), the national government body responsible for assessing and registering (or otherwise approving) all pesticide products in Australia and for their regulation up to and including the point of retail sale.

- recommendation for alterations (if applicable) to the plan
- final adoption in accordance with clause 22 Pesticides Regulation 2009

## **9. CONTACT DETAILS**

Anyone wishing to contact Bogan Shire Council to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact Bogan Shire Council's Development and Environment Manager on 6835 9000 or via email [admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au).