

# Pesticide Use Notification Plan

## Purpose

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 Riverina Water. 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.

## Scope

This *Pesticide Use Notification Plan* has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 'Pesticides Regulation 2017' and is treated as a policy of council.

Riverina Water County Council is a water supply authority that supplies drinking water to a number of Local Government areas including the City of Wagga Wagga and the Shires of Greater Hume, Lockhart and part of Federation, which includes the localities of: Uranquinty, Ladysmith, Tarcutta, Yerong Creek, Mangoplah, Humula, Henty, Morven, Ralvona, Holbrook, Woomargama, Culcairn, Walla Walla, Walbundrie, Rand, Oaklands, Pleasant Hills, Urana, The Rock, French Park, Milbrulong, Lockhart, Boree Creek, Morundah, Bulgary, Currawarna, Collingullie, The Gap, Brucedale, Oura and rural areas.

There are over 35,000 customer connections within the 15,500 sq km served.

## Public Places Covered by this Plan

Riverina Water 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;

It should be noted that Riverina Water 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 Riverina Water.

The majority of pesticide use by Riverina Water 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 Riverina Water and not open or accessible to the public.**

### **Pesticide/ Herbicide Use**

<b>Public places</b>	<b>Regular user groups</b>	<b>Level of use of public place</b>	<b>Type of pesticide / herbicide use</b>
<b>Road reserves</b>	Motorists, the general public, employees and / or contractors	Variable and seasonal - low in remote areas but the possibility of medium to high use in urban areas	Herbicides, (glyphosate)
<b>Road and rail easements accessible to the public</b>	Motorists, the general public, employees and / or contractors	Variable and seasonal – Low usage	Herbicides, (glyphosate)

### **Notification Arrangements**

Riverina Water's normal method of notification will be to have a sign on the vehicle (weed spraying) advising that pesticide use is occurring. Information on the pesticide being used is available from the operator upon inquiry.

In accordance with clause 40 (1) (h) of the Pesticides Regulation, the operator will be able to provide the following information:

- the full product name of the pesticide to be used
- the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated;
- the date/s or date range of the pesticide use
- the places where the pesticide is being used
- contact details for a Riverina Water officer who can discuss the notice, and
- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label.

Operators will also carry the safety data sheet (SDS) 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.

### **Communication of Plan**

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

- Having a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, in our administration office at 91 Hammond Ave. Wagga Wagga, and
- Including a copy of the plan on Council's website. [www.rwcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rwcc.nsw.gov.au))

This Notification Plan will be reviewed every 4 years or when circumstances require a review.

The review will be published on Riverina Water's website to allow submissions from interested parties, and if needed a revised plan prepared.

### **Contact Us**

Anyone wishing to contact Riverina Water regarding this Pesticide Use Notification Plan can do so by contacting the CEO either via email on [admin@rwcc.com.au](mailto:admin@rwcc.com.au) or PO Box 456 WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650