Pesticide use notification plan for outdoor public places

A template for public authorities

#### The following is a template that can be used by public authorities to prepare a pesticide use notification plan. The template is designed for information purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. The actual text of a pesticide use notification plan needs to be individually worded to meet each public authority’s own requirements and circumstances.

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Introduction

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Pesticides Regulation 2017* (the Regulation). The plan sets out how insert authority name will notify the community of pesticide applications it makes, or allows to be made, to public places that it owns  
or controls.

[See example plan for other text that may be added here ]

Public places covered by this plan

Insert authority name proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls in the authority’s geographic area:

Include only those categories that are relevant

public gardens

* parks
* playgrounds
* picnic areas
* sporting fields and ovals
* land reserved under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*
* state forests
* grounds of government schools or TAFE facilities
* public land owned or controlled by the authority name, including:
  + road verges and reserves
  + laneways and pathways
  + road, rail, utility or other easements accessible to the public
  + drains
  + golf courses
  + other sporting facilities (specify)
  + camping grounds
  + commons
  + other public places (specify).

Although not required by the Regulation, this notification plan also provides information on how notice of pesticide use in the interiors of the following authority name buildings or throughout the listed facilities will be given to the community:

List buildings or facilities here, if applicable, delete the above paragraph if not.

Table Estimate of level of community use for categories of public places, with a summary of the type of pesticide used for each category of public place.

| Public places owned or controlled by the council  Delete unnecessary categories. Two or more categories may be covered in the same row where users level of use and pesticide use is similar. | Regular user groups  Specify sections of community, community groups, sporting groups. | Level of use of public place  Specify High, Medium or Low. | Type of pesticide use  [Recommended section]  Spot herbicides or insecticides  Broadscale selective or non-selective herbicides  Broadscale insecticides  Fungicides  Spray termiticides  Spray ant control  Bait termiticides,  Spray ant control  Bait bird control  Rodenticides  Large vertebrate baiting  Other (specify) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(a) Public parks and gardens** |  |  |  |
| **(b) Playgrounds** |  |  |  |
| **(c) Picnic areas** |  |  |  |
| **(d) Sporting**  **fields, ovals and related sporting facilities** |  |  |  |
| **(e) Council**  **laneways and pathways** |  |  |  |
| **(f) Road**  **shoulders, verges, road reserves and footpaths** |  |  |  |
| **(g) Easements accessible to the public (specifically road, sewer or electricity)** |  |  |  |
| **(h) Council**  **drains** |  |  |  |
| **(i) Golf course** |  |  |  |
| **(j) Interior of certain council buildings** |  |  |  |

Notification

This section of the plan describes how and when authority name 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 authority name*’*s, assessment that:

See example plan for text that may be added here.

How and when notice of pesticide use will be provided

#### Where notification arrangements are common to a number of categories of public places, they may be grouped to avoid unnecessary repetition. In the following section of the plan, public authorities can refer either to categories of public places or to specific public places. In this template, categories have been used.

#### Public Gardens

For public gardens, to whom, if appropriate specify what type of notice will be provided specify when notice will be provided, such as before/during/after application and the time period for the following pesticide uses:

• specify relevant pesticide uses

#### Parks

For parks, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Playgrounds

For playgrounds, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Picnic areas

For picnic areas, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses.

#### Sporting fields and ovals

For sporting fields and ovals, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Road verges and reserves

For road verges and reserves, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Laneways and pathways

In laneways and pathways, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Road, rail, utility or other easements specify accessible by the public

For road, rail, utility or other easements, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Drains

For drains, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Golf courses

For golf courses, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Other sporting facilities (specify)

For other specified sporting facilities, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Camping grounds

For public camping grounds, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Commons

For commons, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Other public places (specify)

For other specify outdoor public places, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Land reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

For land reserved under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### State forests

For State forests, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Grounds of government schools or TAFE facilities

For grounds of government schools and TAFE facilities, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Interiors of public buildings (optional)

For interiors of buildings owned or controlled by authority name, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Buildings and grounds of local authority swimming pools

For buildings and grounds of swimming pools, type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate] when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Special measures for sensitive places

Clause 39 of the Regulationdefines a sensitive place to be any:

* school or preschool
* kindergarten
* childcare centre
* hospital
* community health centre
* nursing home
* place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority.

Special notification measures for programmed pesticide use in public places adjacent specify type of sensitive place(s). will consist of type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses: pesticide uses

#### 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), type of notice will be provided to whom, if appropriate when for the following pesticide uses:

pesticide uses

#### Pesticide contractors and lessees of public places

Where authority name uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf:

Describe any qualifiers(s) to notification arrangements

Where persons or organisations hold an existing lease on authority name land that remains a   
public place:

Describe any qualifiers(s) to notification arrangements

#### Public places where no notice will be provided

Delete this section if not applicable.

Notice will not be provided at the following prescribed public places   
 Categories of public places, or names of specific public places may be used here:

* place

An explanation is recommended here.

What information will be provided

In accordance with clause 41(1)(h) of the Regulation, 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[[1]](#footnote-2) permit.

See example plan for text that may be added here.

Informing the community

Authority namewill 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 specify address

placing a copy of the plan on the its website and/or placing a notice in specify local newspaper

* placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette
* Other.

See example plan for text that may be added here.

Future reviews of the plan

The notification plan will be reviewed every insert number 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 i.e specify ‘arrangements’ for consultation such as producing a review report, calling for public submissions, exhibiting a plan for comment with proposed amendments.
* recommendation for alterations (if applicable) to the plan
* Other

Contact details

Anyone wishing to contact authority name to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact:

Contact person’s job title

Address

Phone

Fax

Email

After hours contact number

or access the website insert required web address here

Appendices

For example map(s), list of public places etc may be added here.

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1. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)