

### 10.3.4 Pesticide Notification Plan Adoption

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### Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that public exhibition of the Pesticide Notification Plan (**Attachment 1**) has been completed, and the plan has been finalised.

### Recommendation

**That Council notes the Pesticide Notification Plan shown in Attachment 1 has been finalised.**

### Background

Council is required under the Pesticides Act to maintain a Pesticide Notification Plan outlining how the community will be informed when pesticides are used in public spaces. The purpose of the plan is to describe the methods of notification provided to the community; it does not specify or regulate the types of pesticides that may be used.

At its meeting of 24 March 2026, Council considered a report on the proposed amendments to the Pesticides Notification plan and resolved as follows:

*That:*

- 1. Council endorse the amended Pesticides Notification Plan to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days calling for submissions.*
- 2. Receive a further report at the end of the exhibition period outlining the submissions received and any recommended changes, for consideration prior to adopting the plan.*

In accordance with the resolution, public exhibition took place between 8 April 2026 and 6 May 2026. Exhibition included:

- Let's Chat
- Snapshot newsletter - 10 and 23 April 2026

- Social media post - 1 May 2026

Seven submissions were received during the exhibition period which are summarised in **Attachment 2**. Most feedback related to specific types of pesticides which is outside the scope of plan.

No changes are proposed to the Pesticide Notification Plan.

## **Council Implications**

### **FINANCIAL / RESOURCES**

Pesticide use is necessary for the effective management and presentation of public spaces, including sports fields, bushland areas and parks. The Pesticide Notification Plan does not commit Council to any specific funding allocation and is consistent with Council's current practice of providing information to the community regarding pesticide use.

### **LEGISLATION AND POLICY (INCLUDING ADVOCACY, STRATEGIC AND OTHER PLANS)**

The Pesticide Notification Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part 5, Division 2 of the *Pesticides Regulation 2017* (NSW). The Plan fulfils Council's statutory obligation to notify the community of pesticide use in prescribed public places and supports compliance with relevant legislative requirements.

### **SOCIAL IMPACT**

The Pesticide Notification Plan will improve community awareness, transparency and public confidence in Council operations. The plan supports the community by promoting responsible and accountable pesticide management practices.

### **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

The Pesticide Notification Plan supports environmental and social sustainability by promoting transparency in pesticide use and encouraging responsible pest management practices. The plan improves community awareness, helps protect sensitive populations and ecosystems from unintended exposure, and supports Council's commitment to the management of public spaces.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

When pesticides are used in public areas, notification in accordance with the plan must be provided.

## **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

- Business Risk - Proposed plan is within the capacity of existing resources to undertake open spaces maintenance activities.
- WHS and Public Risk - The plan has been designed to ensure risks for workers and public are reduced through appropriate controls and notification.
- Environmental Risk – Environmental risks associated with pesticide use include impacts on waterways, soil, biodiversity, pollinators, native vegetation, and non-target species. Approved pesticides are applied by trained staff in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations to minimise environmental harm.

## **Link to Community Strategic Plan**

This report supports the following objectives, strategies and actions of the Community Strategic Plan:

### **5.2 We have infrastructure and public spaces that meet community needs**

#### **5.2.2 Maintain infrastructure and public spaces that meet community needs**

##### **5.2.2.01 Maintain Council parks, open spaces, sportsfields and recreational facilities.**

##### **5.2.2.07 Protect and enhance our City's natural areas for our current and future generations.**

## **Previous Council Resolutions**

[24 March 2026](#)

## **Consultation**

### **Internal**

Works and Services - Facilities and Presentation team

Commercial Enterprises – The Links Shell Cove

Commercial Enterprises - Airport

### **External**

Community Engagement through Public Exhibition

## **Political Donations Disclosure**

Not Applicable

## **Options**

Nil

## **Conclusion**

The Pesticide Notification Plan 2026 has been reviewed, presented to the community for consultation and feedback. Following considerations of the submissions, no major amendments are proposed to the exhibited document.

## **Attachments**

1. Pesticide Plan Feedback Summary
2. Pesticides Notification Plan 2026