

HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE POLICY

(COMMUNITY POLICY)

1. Scope

The Herbicide/Pesticide Policy (this Policy) applies to the application of herbicides and pesticides on Council controlled land and roads in urban and rural areas.

2. Purpose

This Policy aims to promote Council's expectations regarding the control of pest plants and animals, the application of herbicides and pesticides and alternate methods of control to reduce the use of herbicides and pesticides.

3. References (legislation/related documents)

Legislative references

Agriculture Chemicals Distribution Control Act 1996

Biosecurity Act 2014

Environmental Protection Act 1994 – ch 8 pt 3C

Land Act 1994 – s 49(1)(c), s 52

Livingstone Shire Council Local Laws No. 1 & 3

Medicines and Poisons Act 2019

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011

Related documents

Communities Herbicide & Insecticide Treatment Sensitive Areas Register'

Customer Request Management Framework

Herbicide/Pesticide Use in Urban Open Spaces Procedure

Herbicide/Pesticide Use Procedure (Public Environments)

WHS-WP-4.3.1 Hazardous Chemical Management Procedure

4. Definitions

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Council	Livingstone Shire Council.
Council controlled land	Land under Council freehold ownership or Crown Land (reserve) managed by Council under trust or gazetted bathing reserve or gazetted foreshore. It also includes Council controlled road reserves and State Controlled Road reserves that are managed by Council.
Herbicide	A substance that is toxic to plants, used to destroy unwanted vegetation.
Herbicide application signage	Signage which states 'Weed Spraying Conducted Within Last 24 Hours'.

Pesticide	A substance used for destroying insects or other organisms which are harmful to cultivated plants or to animals.
Road	Has the same meaning as road in the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> .

5. Policy Statement

This Policy is supported by the *Herbicide/Pesticide Use in Urban Open Spaces Procedure* and the *Herbicide/Pesticide Use Procedure (Public Environments)* which sets out how Council manages chemicals and community notification of chemical applications.

5.1 Staff

Council employees are responsible for ensuring this Policy and associated procedures are implemented accordingly.

5.2 Customer Feedback

Customer requests received regarding this Policy and associated procedures will be recorded on Council's customer service request (CSR) or records management system and handled in accordance with Council's Customer Request Management Framework.

6. Changes to this Policy

This Policy is to remain in force until any of the following occur:

- 1) When a legislative or other operating environmental change occurs, affecting the Policy;
or
- 2) Notwithstanding the above, at intervals of no more than two years.

7. Repeals/Amendments

This Policy repeals the Livingstone Shire Council Policy titled 'Herbicide/Pesticide Policy (v1.1)'.

Version	Date	Action
1	24/11/2015	Adopted
1.1	27/08/2018	Administrative Amendments – reflect organisational restructure and update of Chief Executive Officer
2.0	15/07/2025	Adopted – full review undertaken

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