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OBJECTIVE:

To maintain and control pests and weeds in buildings, structures and amenity areas under Council control, including road reserves, drainage easements, rights of way, public parks and gardens and other public open space areas.

To implement Lithgow City Council Pest Control Programs the use of either will apply:

- Their own employees, and/or;
- Contract Licensed Pest Management Technicians.

Lithgow City Council will consider many issues before, during and after pest control operations. The aim of this policy is to develop pesticide use procedures and controls, based on incorporating community views, underpin risks associated, contract management and monitoring of outcomes.

POLICY:

When using pesticides as part of a pest control program, Lithgow City Council will adhere to the following principles as detailed in Council Pest Management Standard Working Procedure (SWP):

- Minimise pesticide use, consistent with achieving acceptable pest control outcomes;
- Use pesticides on the basis of risk management, good contract management and auditing of results;
- Consult the community and provide timely notification of pesticide application events;
- Consult other government agencies and local stakeholders when pest control activities have the potential to impact on environmentally significant land, water catchment areas, farming property or other sensitive area or activity;
- Comply with all applicable legislation, codes and policies with respect to pesticide application by the Local Government Authority or its contractors as detailed in attached References.

RESPONSIBILITIES

General Manager – is responsible for effective Pest Management systems, and response to and reporting of significant risks arising from Pest Control in the Local Government Area (LGA).

Managers – are responsible for creating adequate resources to assess risks involved with Pest Management, including legislative requirements and notification requirements when managing pests.

Supervisors – must ensure:

- Assessment of risks to persons health, safety and well-being is completed prior to Pest Control activities take place.
- When assessment indicates risk of human exposure, notification of pesticide application will apply, allowing the public to make informed decisions about entering a public place.
- When assessment indicates risk of environmental impact, to significant land, water catchment areas, or other sensitive area or activity.
- Pest Management Contractors are registered to Council Contractor Management System including registration of competencies required for Pest Control.

DEFINITIONS

Pesticides -Any substance or mixture of substances used to destroy, suppress or alter the life cycle of any pest. Pesticide includes bactericides, baits fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, lures, rodenticides and repellents. They are used in commercial, domestic, urban and rural environment.

REFERENCES

Pesticides Act 1999; Pesticide Regulation 2009;
 Pesticide Amendment (User Training) Regulation 2003;
 Protection of the Environment Operations Act (POEO Act 2009) Work
 Health and Safety Act 2011.

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