

Policy 3.06 Pesticide Use

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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

This policy applies to the management and application of pesticides by Council in the Bega Valley Shire to ensure compliance with the requirements of the *Pesticides Act 1999* and Regulation 2017.2009

Prioritise methods that minimise environmental impact. This includes using integrated pest management strategies and selecting pesticides that are less harmful to non-target species.

Implement a robust notification plan to inform the community about pesticide use. This allows residents to make informed decisions about their exposure

Provide ongoing training for staff on safe pesticide application and handling. Ensure they are knowledgeable about the latest best practices and regulatory changes

Regularly monitor pesticide application and its effects on the environment and public health. Use this data to evaluate and improve practices.

Maintain clear records of pesticide use.

The scope of this policy demonstrates direct commitment to the following strategic guiding principles:

- Efficient and effective | Clear connection between policy and implementation.
- Responsive | Timely and accurate sharing of information.
- Transparent | Stakeholders are informed of the progress of actions in line with decisions.
- Accountable | Commit to risk management and compliance.

1.2 Purpose

- To minimise the environmental health impacts of pesticide use in the Bega Valley Shire.
- To inform the community of pesticide use by Bega Valley Shire Council so they can minimise any exposure.
- To prioritise methods that minimise environmental impact, -This including es-using integrated pest management strategies and selecting pesticides that are less harmful to non-target species.
- To implement a robust notification plan to inform the community about pesticide use, -This allowallowing s-residents to make informed decisions about their exposure.

- ~~To provide ongoing training for staff on safe pesticide application and handling, Ensuring they are knowledgeable about the latest best practices and regulatory changes.~~
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~~Regularly monitor pesticide application and its effects on the environment and public health, Using~~
~~this data to evaluate and improve practices.~~
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1.3 Definitions

Word or Terminology	Description
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Pesticides	Pesticides are defined in the <i>Pesticides Act 1999</i> and include herbicides and other agricultural chemical products

2 Legislation

- *Pesticides Act 1999* and Regulation 2017

3 Implementation

3.1 Policy Statement

Council will manage pesticide use on Council owned or managed lands in an integrated and systematic manner by:

- ~~always~~ applying pesticides in accordance with ~~the~~ legislative requirements and in full compliance with current best practice.
- ensuring the use of pesticides by Council staff and contractors is undertaken in accordance with the Bega Valley Shire Council Pesticide Use Notification Plan <https://begavalley.nsw.gov.au/services/pesticides-use-notification-plan>
- taking ~~such appropriate~~ steps ~~as are appropriate~~ to ensure pesticides are applied in a safe, responsible manner.

3.2 Responsibilities

3.2.1 Elected Council

Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake functions as per the *Pesticides Act 1999* and *Regulation 2017*.

3.2.2 Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Delegate authority to Authorised Officers to undertake and perform all necessary functions in accordance with this policy and relevant legislation.

3.2.3 Authorised Officers

Bega Valley Shire Council Authorised Officers are responsible for the management and application of pesticides within the shire. -Officers must undertake their work in accordance with this policy and relevant legislation.

Authorised Officers are responsible for ensuring ~~that~~ the application of pesticides in a way that minimises risks to human health, the environment, property and ~~trade~~trade.

Authorised Officers are responsible for ensuring that all pesticide use is in accordance with the label and relative permits from Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

Authorised Officers must maintain records of pesticide use, including details of the type of pesticide, the amount used, and the location and date of application.

~~3.1.1~~ Responsibilities

~~3.2.4~~ ~~3.1.4~~ General staff

General staff, if delegated authority from the CEO, ~~Councils~~ are responsible for ensuring pesticide use is managed in accordance with this policy, including ensuring that pesticide use does not harm the environment, public health and the health of Authorised Officers and ~~general staff~~staff.

~~Councils~~ Staff must maintain records of pesticide use, including details of the type of pesticide, the amount used, and the location and date of ~~application~~application.

Authorised Officers are responsible for ensuring that all pesticide use is in accordance with the label and relative permits from Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)

~~— Elected Council~~

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4 Supporting documents

4.1 BVSC procedures that relate to this policy

<u>Procedure No.:</u>	<u>Procedure Name</u>	<u>External or Internal Procedure</u>
Procedure No.:	Procedure Name	External or Internal Procedure
3.06.01	Pesticide Use Notification Plan	Internal

4.2 BVSC policies that relate to this Policy

<u>Policy No.:</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>
Policy No.:	Policy Name
3.02	Environment Management
3.04	Biosecurity and Weed Management

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