

NOTIFICATION PLAN FOR PESTICIDE USE IN PUBLIC PLACES

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PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI), which includes NSW Food Authority, Catchment and Lands, and the NSW Office of Water, delivers a wide range of services to primary industries and rural communities including:
 - science-based research from a network of centres of excellence and research stations;
 - advisory services and production solutions for agriculture, and the sustainable management of commercial and recreational fisheries resources;
 - integrated biosecurity safety strategies developed and delivered in cooperation with other government agencies and industry.
- 1.2. NSW DPI continues to lead the way in developing and promoting safe and effective chemical use practices and in minimising the risks associated with the use of pesticides.
- 1.3. NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) is required by the *Pesticides Regulation 2009* (the Regulation) to develop a pesticide notification plan. This plan covers the operations of Agriculture and Biosecurity. It also covers Mineral Resources, within the Resources and Energy Division of DTIRIS, of which DPI is a part as Mineral Resources was formerly part of DPI when the original Notification Plan was developed. While Catchment and Lands is part of DPI, they have their own plan (which can be accessed from www.crownland.nsw.gov.au, search on 'pesticide use notification plan'). The plan detailed in this document sets out when and how NSW DPI will notify the community of pesticide applications it makes, or allows to be made, to public places that it owns or controls.
- 1.4. The plan describes:
 - what public places are covered by the plan;
 - who regularly uses these public places and an estimate of the level of use;
 - how and when NSW DPI will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places;
 - how the community can access this plan and get more information about NSW DPI's notification arrangements;
 - how future reviews of the plan will be conducted;
 - contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with NSW DPI.

- 1.5. This pesticide use notification plan will be integrated into the Department's broader suite of management policies and procedures covering pesticide use within NSW DPI. These include:
- training of pesticide users and advisors;
 - publication of pesticide information and advice;
 - keeping records of pesticide use;
 - workplace safety;
 - Principles of Spray Drift Management.

2. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

- 2.1. NSW DPI carries out its activities and delivers its services through an extensive range of facilities located across most of NSW. The facilities to which the public have access include:
- research stations and institutes;
 - regional and district offices;
 - colleges and training centres;
 - student and tourist accommodation.
- 2.2. A complete list of NSW DPI facilities is available on our website at http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/about/office_locations.
- 2.3. In the context of the Regulation, a public place is an area controlled by NSW DPI which the public is entitled to access or has a clear right to enter. In most situations this entitlement is straightforward and entry signs, directions and public facilities offer an implied invitation to enter the area. Examples include picnic areas and parking areas in State forests.
- 2.4. On the other hand, there are many places under the control of NSW DPI where the public has no or limited right of access. For example, there is an implied right for the public to use the driveway at a departmental advisory office or research establishment, to park in the designated visitor's area and to walk to the office reception area. Beyond this point, the public has no right to enter other parts of the establishment unless they are invited to do so as part of a tour, or field day or similar activity.
- 2.5. The activities carried out at many of the Department's facilities involve some level of pesticide use either to enhance productivity or for maintenance of the facility. Many of these facilities include areas that meet the definition of a public place provided in the Regulation.
- 2.6. In responding to outbreaks of exotic pests/diseases, or during locust control campaigns, NSW DPI may undertake applications on public places

controlled by other authorities. NSW DPI will assume responsibility for notification in these circumstances as allowed for under the Regulation.

Categories of Public Place under the Control of NSW DPI

2.7. The specific public places controlled by NSW DPI and included in this notification plan can be summarised as follows.

2.7.1. NSW DPI Operational, Administration and Research Facilities – NSW DPI operates a wide range of facilities across the state including Centres of Excellence, advisory and research centres, training and education centres, district and regional offices, workshops and depots. At these facilities, prescribed public places are generally restricted to access roads, visitor parking areas and adjacent rest areas.

2.7.2. Multi Function Agricultural Centres - NSW DPI operates a number of multi function agricultural centres that provide a variety of services and facilities that are utilised by the general public. These facilities can include:

- educational facilities with accommodation for full time students and short course participants;
- visitor and function centres;
- conference facilities;
- field day sites;
- sports oval and recreation facilities; and,
- historical sites and tourist facilities.

Total Agricultural Centre, Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute and Yanco Agricultural Institute provide some or all of these facilities. For the purposes of this notification plan, the following parts of these centres have been identified as public places:

- sports ovals and any associated picnic or recreational areas;
- access roads and visitor parking areas;
- outdoor areas adjacent to any tourism facilities.

2.7.3. Derelict Mine Sites - The Derelict Mines Program is a cooperative government venture administered by NSW DPI. The objectives of the program include the management of derelict mine sites to reduce risks to public safety and to the environment and, where appropriate, to conserve and enhance the cultural, social and environmental amenity of the site.

Some of these rehabilitated mine sites include picnic and recreational facilities which, along with access roads and visitor parking areas, constitute public places within the meaning of the regulation.

2.8. NSW DPI has estimated the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of the categories of public place under the Department's control. This information is set out in Appendix A.

3. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1. This section of the plan describes how and when NSW DPI will provide notice of pesticide use in the various categories of public place under its control and public places under the control of another authority where NSW DPI has to make an application. These notification arrangements are based on NSW DPI's assessment of:
- the level of usage of public places where pesticides may be used;
 - the method of pesticide application used; and,
 - the extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some direct contact with pesticides.
- 3.2. Notice of pesticide use will be provided by one or more of the following methods:
- signs
 - information on our website
 - notices in newspapers
 - radio announcements
 - letters
 - fax and email
 - letterbox drops
 - door knocking
 - phone contact
- 3.3. Appendix B provides detail on the notification arrangements that will apply to each category of public place under the control of NSW DPI.
- 3.4. Where the application of a pesticide is conditional on a statutory notification requirement, such as in the case of some vertebrate pest poisons, the application of the pesticide will not proceed until the statutory notification requirements have been met.
- 3.5. Where pesticide applications are carried out by NSW DPI or its contractors in prescribed public places that are under the control of another authority, NSW DPI will ensure that public notice is given in accordance with this plan unless the authority's plan includes the relevant notification criteria.
- 3.6. While exempted by the Regulation, NSW DPI will consult and communicate with the relevant public authority before pesticide applications are made to the land the authority controls.
- 3.7. Although not required by the Regulation, NSW DPI will respond to any reasonable request from neighbours adjacent to a NSW DPI property for details of recent pesticide application activities at that site. Neighbours should make their requests to the Officer in Charge of the particular property.

Special Measures for Sensitive Places

- 3.8. The Regulation requires this Notification Plan to indicate the special protection measures that will be taken if a pesticide is proposed to be used in a prescribed public place that is adjacent to a sensitive place.
- 3.9. Clause 18 of the Regulation defines a sensitive place to be any:
- school or pre-school;
 - kindergarten;
 - childcare centre;
 - hospital;
 - community health centre;
 - nursing home;
 - place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority.
- 3.10. Direct notification will be provided of any pesticide application to a prescribed public place under the control of NSW DPI, or where pesticide applications are carried out by NSW DPI or its contractors in prescribed public places that are under the control of another authority, to the person in charge of any sensitive place adjacent to that public place at least 7 calendar days prior to the scheduled application, to the extent this is possible (see form in Appendix C-7). In the case of an emergency response to an exotic disease/pest outbreak, or the need to control moving locust bands/swarms, shorter notice may be unavoidable.
- 3.11. Where the circumstances relating to a specific sensitive site are such that the notification proposed in 3.10 is deemed insufficient, NSW DPI will negotiate a mutually acceptable notification strategy with the person in charge of the specific sensitive site.

Notification of Emergency Pesticide Applications

- 3.12. Where pesticide applications are carried out in prescribed public places under the control of NSW DPI, as part of an exotic pest or disease emergency response, or where the pesticide application targets a pest or disease that presents an immediate risk to property or to public health, the following emergency notification arrangements will apply.
- 3.12.1. In circumstances where a pesticide is applied in a prescribed public place by hand held equipment as a spot spray, or where the application is restricted to relatively small areas, emergency signage (Appendix C-6) will be placed in the immediate vicinity of the treatment area. Signage will be maintained for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.
- 3.12.2. In circumstances where a pesticide application to a prescribed public place is on a broader scale or by air, emergency signage will be placed on all major access roads to the treated area and maintained for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or

where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.

3.12.3. In all circumstances, where there is sufficient notice that emergency operations will be undertaken in an area, public media such as radio will be used to provide notification, at least in general terms, that a pesticide application is proposed for a prescribed public place.

3.12.4. General information on pesticide use during emergencies will be available through publicly accessible and well advertised contact points that operate during emergency operations.

Notification of Emergency Pesticide Applications Adjacent to Sensitive Sites

3.13. In circumstances where an emergency pesticide application is required in a prescribed public place that is adjacent to a sensitive place, the person in charge of the sensitive place will be notified by phone or in person, followed by communication in writing (letter, fax, email – Appendix C-7). Every effort will be made to adjust the timing of the proposed pesticide application to meet the circumstances of the sensitive place, but should not be less than 24 hours.

Notification of Emergency Pesticide Applications to Places Controlled by Other Authorities

3.14. Where emergency pesticide applications are carried out by NSW DPI or its contractors in prescribed public places that are under the control of another authority, NSW DPI will ensure that public notice is given in accordance with this plan before applications are made to the land the authority controls.

3.15. By way of example, NSW DPI manages state wide control programs for plague locust including the aerial application of pesticides to locust swarms in public places, most of which are not controlled by NSW DPI. The same is true of emergency pest/disease outbreaks where eradication or confinement applications may need to be made to public land not controlled by NSW DPI. In these cases, NSW DPI will notify the public in accordance with this plan.

3.16. NSW DPI will ensure that no emergency control activities take place until the public authority in control of a public place has been notified.

Pesticide Contractors and Lessees of Public Places

3.17. Unless specified otherwise, contractors, lessees or permit holders that apply pesticides on behalf of NSW DPI to prescribed public places will be required to implement the notification requirements set out in this plan for that class of public place.

4. PUBLIC PLACES AND PESTICIDE USES WHERE NO PRIOR NOTICE WILL BE PROVIDED

- 4.1. NSW DPI has determined that exposure to pesticide residues in the circumstances identified below represent a negligible risk to the public utilising these areas. As a result, NSW DPI will not provide prior notice of pesticide application in these circumstances.
- 4.2. However, given that a risk of exposure may still exist during some types of pesticide application, NSW DPI will use its discretion in restricting public access to an area while any pesticide application is in progress.
- 4.3. NSW DPI utilises some pesticides for the maintenance of buildings, driveways, visitor car parks and the immediate vicinity of these areas that are part of public places under its control.
- 4.4. In most cases this involves the use of knockdown herbicides or insecticides applied as spot sprays or by hand application methods or the distribution of rodent baits over limited parts of the treatment zone.
- 4.5. Herbicides used in these circumstances will generally be unscheduled or schedule 5 chemicals such as glyphosate (Roundup®), metsulfuron-methyl and simazine that are also available to the general public in home garden products. Home garden insecticides such as chlorpyrifos are used for ant and spider control. Rodent baits are applied in appropriately labelled bait boxes.
- 4.6. Public places in remote areas that are rarely accessed by the public, in the course of operations such as locust control or emergency pest/disease outbreaks; provided that application will cease should anyone be detected in the spray application area.

5. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

- 5.1. Irrespective of whether the method of notification involves signage at access points, newspaper or radio advertisements, website information, letters to residents, phone calls or personal contact, a notice of pesticide use will include all the following information:
 - the full product name of the pesticide to be used;
 - the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated;
 - the proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use;
 - the places where the pesticide is to be used;
 - contact telephone number and email address of the departmental officer who people can contact to discuss the notice;

- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place specified on the pesticide product label or any relevant Permit issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.
- 5.2. To improve public recognition, pesticide use notices and signage will generally be in a consistent form as detailed in Appendix C.
- 5.3. In circumstances involving the emergency application of pesticides, emergency signage or notices in the form also detailed at Appendix C will be provided. Emergency signage or notices will not provide the detail indicated in 5.1 but will provide a contact point from where all the required information can be obtained.

6. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

- 6.1. NSW DPI will take all reasonable steps to make the general public aware of this Notification Plan and provide access to the document by:
- placing a notice in *The Land* Newspaper and the *Sydney Morning Herald* advising that a Notification Plan has been reviewed and how to obtain access to a copy of the plan;
 - placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette;
 - placing a copy of the plan and other associated information on the NSW DPI website at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au;
 - making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at the Head Office of NSW DPI at 161 Kite Street Orange;
 - providing a copy of the Notification Plan in response to any request to the NSW DPI notification contact point;
 - including references to the availability of a notification plan in relevant NSW DPI publications.

7. FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

- 7.1. The NSW DPI Notification Plan will be reviewed as required, e.g. when the relevant legislation is revised or replaced, when pesticide application practices change, or when risk assessments reveal an increased exposure risk to the public. The review process will include an assessment of the operation of the current notification plan including whether the plan has met:
- the objectives of the legislation;
 - the operational needs of NSW DPI in respect of pesticide application.

- 7.2. The review report will also include a statement as to whether NSW DPI will amend the current notification plan or prepare a new plan and whether NSW DPI considers that any proposed amendments are of sufficient substance to warrant further public consultation.

8. CONTACT DETAILS

- 8.1. Anyone wishing to discuss the NSW DPI Notification Plan should contact:

The Manager
Biosecurity Business and Legislation
NSW Department of Primary Industries
Locked Bag 21, ORANGE, 2800
[161 Kite Street, ORANGE 2800]

Phone: 02 6391 3727
Fax: 02 6391 3740
e-mail: notification@dpi.nsw.gov.au

- 8.2. Contacts for all NSW DPI offices are available on our website:

http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/about/office_locations

- 8.3. For up to date information on pesticide notification in NSW DPI go to the Pesticide Notification page on our website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

9. APPENDIXES

Appendix A NSW DPI - Public Places and Usage

Appendix B Notification Arrangements

Appendix C Pesticide Use Notices and Signage

Appendix D Notification Requirements for the Use of 1080 Baits

Appendix A NSW DPI - Public Places and Usage

USER GROUPS	FREQUENCY OF USE	TYPES OF PESTICIDE USE
<p>Derelict Mine Sites Access road, visitors parking area and adjacent areas with open access to the public.</p>		
<p>Some derelict mine sites have been redeveloped as tourist and recreational sites and are visited by a wide cross section of the community including families, bushwalkers, campers, recreation groups, students, special interest and study groups.</p>	<p>The level of usage is highly variable depending on the accessibility of the site and facilities provided and the tourism value of the site.</p> <p>High seasonal usage by groups such as bushwalkers, campers and other tourists is common where sites are near popular tourist centres.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot sprayed herbicides for vegetation control along access roads and parking areas. • Spot sprayed insecticides for maintenance around recreation and picnic areas. • Vertebrate pest animal baits for rabbit and fox control and for rodent control.
<p>NSW DPI Operational, Administration and Research Facilities Access road, visitors parking and adjacent outdoor areas at Centres of Excellence, advisory and research centres, education and training facilities, district and regional offices, workshops and depots.</p>		
<p>Regional and district offices, operational and research facilities are visited by a broad cross section of the community seeking information, publications or in some cases, participation in demonstrations or tours.</p> <p>Visitors include but are not limited to, families, bushwalkers, anglers, recreation groups, recreational vehicle groups, conservation hunters, special interest and study groups, students and primary producers.</p>	<p>Frequency of use is variable and generally decreases with distance from towns, villages, and residential areas.</p> <p>High seasonal usage by groups such as holiday anglers and bushwalkers is common where offices are near places of interest or popular tourist centres.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot sprayed herbicides for vegetation control around buildings, along access roads and parking areas. • Vertebrate pest animal baits for rabbit and fox control and for rodent control. • Spot sprayed insecticides and fungicides for garden maintenance. • Spot sprayed insecticides for maintenance around outdoor areas including termite control.
<p>Education and training facilities are utilised by special interest and study groups, students and primary producers and other adult professional groups.</p>	<p>These facilities are used regularly but not continuously.</p>	

USER GROUPS	FREQUENCY OF USE	TYPES OF PESTICIDE USE
<p>Multi Function Agricultural Centres - including Tocal Agricultural Centre, Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute and Yanco Agricultural Institute</p> <p>Parking areas, access roads, adjacent outdoor areas, picnic and recreation areas, sports oval and associated facilities.</p>		
<p>The variety of activities and services provided through the agricultural centres means that they are visited by a wide variety of groups including special interest and study groups, students, primary producers, tourists and visitors attending functions, conferences and field days.</p>	<p>Frequency of use can be high particularly amongst students and primary producers.</p> <p>Access by tourists and visitors attending functions can be high on weekends and when special functions or activities are underway.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot sprayed selective herbicides for vegetation control along access roads and parking areas. • Spot sprayed insecticides for maintenance around recreation and picnic areas. • Vertebrate pest animal baits for rabbit and fox control, and for rodent control.
<p>Sports ovals, picnic and recreation area at these centres are mostly utilised by students, sporting groups and supporters.</p>	<p>Frequency of use can be high at weekends but generally low at other times.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground sprayed herbicides for weed control in ovals and grassed recreation areas. • Ground sprayed insecticides for insect control in ovals and grassed recreation areas. • Spot sprayed selective herbicides for vegetation control along access roads and parking areas. • Spot sprayed insecticides for maintenance around recreation and picnic areas.
<p>NSW DPI Locust Control Operations</p> <p>Aerial and ground spraying by contractors and LPHA staff to agricultural and non-agricultural land on a state wide basis.</p>		
<p>Not possible to categorise, as this will depend on the extent and severity of the locust plague.</p>	<p>Not possible to categorise, as this will depend on the extent and severity of the locust plague.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organophosphates (principally fenitrothion) and synthetic pyrethroids may be sprayed by air and by ground rigs. • Fipronil may be sprayed by air, especially in pastures in the pastoral zone. • Metarhizium (biological – locust specific fungus) may be sprayed by air and by ground rigs in or near sensitive areas.

USER GROUPS	FREQUENCY OF USE	TYPES OF PESTICIDE USE
<p>NSW DPI Emergency Pesticide Application</p> <p>Mainly ground application by NSW DPI staff and contractors at the site of pest/disease outbreaks and adjacent land.</p>		
<p>Personnel trained in emergency management responses.</p> <p>Note: emergency response encompasses animal, plant and aquatic pests and diseases and environmental impacts</p>	<p>As required by the incident and according to any conditions of use stipulated in the permit or label.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercially available products for treating particular pests and diseases may be applied as specified. • Minor use or emergency use permits may be obtained from APVMA according to the demands of the incident and the availability of treatments.

Appendix B Notification Arrangements

Derelict Mine Sites Access road, visitors parking area and adjacent areas with open access to the public	
<p>Vegetation control along access roads and parking areas - spot sprayed herbicides.</p> <p>Maintenance around recreation and picnic areas - spot sprayed insecticides.</p> <p>Vertebrate pest animal baits for rabbit and fox control.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pesticide usage notice will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to any application of pesticides. • Alternatively, where a seasonal program of pesticide applications is planned for these areas, a notice of intent to apply pesticides will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to the first planned pesticide application (Appendix C-1). • Pesticide use signage will be placed at all major public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application. • Signage to remain in place for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period. • All statutory notification requirements detailed on product labels or in Pesticide Control Orders issued by the EPA will also be complied with (see Appendix D).

NSW DPI Operational, Administration and Research Facilities

Access road, visitors parking and adjacent outdoor areas at Centres of Excellence, advisory and research centres, education and training facilities, district and regional offices.

<p>Vegetation control around buildings, along access roads and parking areas - spot sprayed herbicides.</p> <p>Garden maintenance - spot sprayed insecticides and fungicides.</p> <p>Maintenance around outdoor areas including termite control - spot sprayed insecticides.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSW DPI will not provide prior notice of pesticide application in these circumstances (see 4.66)• Public access to the treatment area will be restricted during pesticide application. Appropriate portable signage (Appendix C) will be placed at access points to the treatment area advising that full information on the pesticide application will be available from the Officer in Charge of the facility.
<p>Baits for rodent control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pesticide use signage will be placed at all public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application.• Signage to remain in place for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.
<p>Application of vertebrate pest baits for fox and rabbit control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where a seasonal program of baiting is planned for the facility, a notice of intent to apply vertebrate pest control baits will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to the first planned baiting (Appendix C-1).• All statutory notification requirements detailed on product labels or in Pesticide Control Orders issued by the EPA will also be complied with (see Appendix D).

Multi Function Agricultural Centres - including Tocal Agricultural Centre, Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute and Yanco Agricultural Institute Parking areas, access roads, adjacent outdoor areas, picnic and recreation areas, sports ovals and associated facilities	
Vegetation control around buildings, along access roads and parking areas - spot sprayed herbicides. Garden maintenance - spot sprayed insecticides and fungicides. Maintenance around recreation and picnic areas including termite control - spot sprayed insecticides.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticide use signage will be placed at all public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application. • Public access to the treated areas will be restricted and signage will remain in place for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period. • The public to be directed to the Officer in Charge of the facility for additional information on the pesticide application.
Baits for rodent control.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticide use signage will be placed at all public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application. • Signage to remain in place for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.
Vertebrate pest animal baits for rabbit and fox control.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where a seasonal program of baiting is planned for the facility, a notice of intent to apply vertebrate pest control baits will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to the first planned baiting (Appendix C-1). • All statutory notification requirements detailed on product labels or in Pesticide Control Orders issued by the EPA will also be complied with (see Appendix D).
Ground sprayed herbicides for weed control in ovals and grassed recreation areas. Ground sprayed insecticides for insect control in ovals and grassed recreation areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pesticide usage notice will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to any application of pesticides. • Alternatively, where a seasonal program of pesticide applications is planned for these areas, a notice of intent to apply pesticides will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to the first planned pesticide application (Appendix C-1). • Pesticide use signage will be placed at all public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application. • Signage to remain in place for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.

NSW DPI Locust Control Operations

Aerial and ground spraying by contractors and LPHA staff to agricultural and non-agricultural land on a state wide basis

Land controlled by NSW DPI or other public authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If any pesticide is applied, pesticide use signage will be placed at all public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application.• Signage for all pesticides (except metarhizium) to remain in place for at least 7 days after the application ceases, except where there is a label re-entry period for the pesticide, in which case the signage will remain for the label re-entry period. Metarhizium notification will remain in place for 48 hrs.• Neighbours adjoining the treatment area, and any occupied dwellings within the label buffer zones, will be notified at least 48 hrs prior to application.
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NSW DPI Emergency Pesticide Application

Mainly ground application by NSW DPI staff and contractors at the site of pest/disease outbreaks and adjacent land.

Application by hand held equipment as a spot spray over a relatively small area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency signage will be placed in the immediate vicinity of the treatment area.• Signage will be maintained for at least 48 hours after the application ceases or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.
Broader scale ground application or application by air	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency signage will be placed on all major access roads to the treated area and maintained for at least 48 hours after the application ceases or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.• Where opportunity for sufficient notice occurs, public media will be used to provide notification, at least in general terms, that a pesticide application is proposed for a prescribed public place.

Appendix C Pesticide Use Notices and Signage

1. Seasonal *Notice of Intent to Use Pesticides* for publication in print media



Department of
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PESTICIDE USE NOTICE


The NSW Department of Primary Industries advises that the following pesticide use is proposed for a prescribed public place.

Herbicides will be used for the control of weeds in the XXXX, YYYY and ZZZ State Forests during the period 1 September 2006 to 31 March 2007.

Areas undergoing treatment will be clearly signposted and all directions regarding entry should be followed.

For further information regarding this notice, contact the Forests NSW Regional Manager on 6331 2044.

2. Specific *Pesticide Use Notices* for publication in print media



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PESTICIDE USE NOTICE

The NSW Department of Primary Industries advises that the following pesticide use is proposed for a prescribed public place.

The pesticides **Grazon DS Herbicide** and **Garlon 600 Herbicide** will be used for the control of gorse and other weeds in the Canobolas State Forest during the period 7-10 September 2006.

Areas undergoing treatment will be clearly signposted and all directions regarding entry should be followed.

For further information regarding this notice, contact the Forests NSW Regional Manager on 6331 2044.



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PESTICIDE USE NOTICE


The NSW Department of Primary Industries advises that the following pesticide use is proposed for a prescribed public place.

The pesticides **Banvel 200 Herbicide** and **Nufarm Bromocide Selective Herbicide** will be used for the control of broadleaved weed on the sports oval and surrounding grassed areas within the Tocal Agricultural Centre, Paterson NSW 2421 in the week commencing 10 September 2006.


Areas undergoing treatment will be clearly signposted and all directions regarding entry should be followed.

For further information regarding this notice, contact the Forests NSW Regional Manager on 6331 2044.


3. Blank Pesticide Use Signage

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>This area is subject to the following pesticide application</u></p> <p>The pesticide _____ will be used to treat _____ at this site on or between the following dates _____</p> <p>Directions regarding entry or use of the site: _____</p> <p>For further information contact XXXXXXXXX</p> <p> Department of Primary Industries</p>
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4. Example of Pesticide Use Signage

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>This area is subject to the following pesticide application</u></p> <p>The pesticide Nufarm Bromocide Selective Herbicide will be used to treat broadleaved weeds at this site on or between the following dates 15 September 2006</p> <p>Directions regarding entry or use of the site: <u>Do not enter the treated area before 18 September 2006</u></p> <p>For further information contact the Forests NSW Regional Manager on 02 6391 3100</p> <p> Department of Primary Industries</p>
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5. Pesticide use signage for blackberries and other edible fruit

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>This area is subject to the following pesticide application</u></p> <p>The pesticide _____ will be used to treat _____ at this site on or between the following dates _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do not collect blackberries or other edible fruit from this area</p> <p>For further information contact XXXXXXXXX</p> <p> Department of Primary Industries</p>

6. Emergency pesticide use signage (See 3.12)

<p style="text-align: center;">EMERGENCY PESTICIDE USE NOTICE</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">This area is subject to pesticide treatment as part of emergency pest, weed or disease control activities</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT ENTER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AVOID CONTACT WITH TREATED MATERIAL</p> <p>For further information contact :</p> <p> Department of Primary Industries</p>

7. Notification adjacent to a sensitive area (See 3.13)

NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE

Issued to (name) _____

The following area

adjacent to (name and address of prescribed public place)

will be treated with pesticide (specify product name and active ingredient)

as part of NSW DPI's response to (specify emergency pest/disease outbreak or locust control)

between the following dates _____

For further information (including a copy of the product label and SDS) contact (name & phone)

Issuing officer (sign) _____ Date _____

Appendix D Notification Arrangements for the Use of 1080 Baits

WILD DOGS	FOXES	PIGS	RABBITS
A pesticide use notice must be provided 3 days in advance to any neighbouring property with a boundary within 1 km of baiting location.			
Notification of neighbouring properties can be by phone, email , personal contact, mail or, where the number of neighbours is greater than 25 or for a large group baiting program (>25 participants), by notice in a local paper.			
Baiting may be conducted for longer than 7 days but must commence within 7 days of notification otherwise further neighbour notification is required. Where baiting is ongoing, neighbour notification must be repeated at intervals no greater than 6 months.	Baiting must be completed within 14 days of notification. Further neighbour notification is required for baiting beyond this 14 day period.	Baiting may be conducted for longer than 7 days but must commence within 7 days of notification otherwise further neighbour notification is required.	
May be less than 3 days in an emergency where stock or poultry are being mauled, killed or harassed. But notification must still occur immediately before laying the baits.	No emergency provisions.		
<p>Pesticide use signage with details of 1080 baiting must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be placed at every entry to the baiting location, the main entrance to a private property where the baiting is undertaken and at up to 5 km intervals along all public thoroughfares which border or pass through the baited area; • remain up for at least 4 weeks from last day of baiting. <p>To comply with the requirements of the Notification Regulation pesticide use signage must specify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that 1080 baits are being used; • the target pest (wild dogs, foxes, pigs, rabbits); • date of 1st baiting or dates between which baits will be laid; • a contact for further information; • a warning that non-target animals may be affected. 			
Note: Similar notification requirements apply to the application of pindone baits for rabbit control.			