

## **No Spray Register Policy**

### **SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	<b>SUBMISSION</b>
1.	<i>Name &amp; Address withheld.</i>	<i>As a participant of the no-spray register, the draft policy looks to serve the purpose it is designed for. A point that stands out is the statement of the Shire's policy of methods to control weeds on roadsides being to either spray or slash. Some roadsides with stands of native bush, or adjacent to bushland, could benefit from hand removal of weeds. In these more sensitive areas, spraying can indiscriminately (or accidentally) kill off native species. Apart from impacting on local biodiversity, different weeds might be encouraged to move in and/or runoff and erosion increase. Can this option to hand weed be addressed in the policy?</i>
2.	<i>Name &amp; Address withheld.</i>	<i>I would like to be registered on your No Spray Register Policy. I have previously had to telephone each year to request that our verge not be sprayed and to have a permanent registering policy is a great idea and I firmly support it. I would also like to take this opportunity to establish my support for steam spraying of all council verges, rather than the chemical spray that has been used thus far.</i>
3.	<i>Name &amp; Address withheld.</i>	<i>I believe you are drafting a No Spray policy. We are ratepayers and live at [REDACTED]. We wholly support the policy. As somebody who has suffered from ill health for the last 12 years and have developed sensitivities to many chemicals that greatly affect my health, I greatly appreciate the no spray option.</i>
4.	<i>Name &amp; Address withheld.</i>	<i>This is to indicate my support for the Council maintaining a proper register of roadverges/road edges that no spraying will occur by the Council. I wish to indicate that I would very much like the road verge next to my property at [REDACTED],) to be included in that register. I have maintained the roadverge etc for over a decade in this area at my own cost and effort .I also know that Mia Mia Housing Collective which has responsibility for 15 rental houses on Melaleuca Lane would wish for the whole of Melaleuca Lane Road verge to not be sprayed by the Council. It too has helped to maintain Melaleuca Lane and its verge at no cost to the Council for many years.</i>
5.	<i>Name &amp; Address withheld.</i>	<i>We were of the understanding this register already existed as we have contacted the shire on previous occasions regarding request not to have spray adjacent to our property. In light of the recent upgrade of Glysophate to a probable carcinogen we believe the precautionary principle should be respected. Denmark holds a Clean Green image and this policy in our opinion provides only a token effort to uphold this image. Other Shires have sought alternates to herbicide spraying and although these may be costly in the short term we believe the long term benefits are the offset. In conclusion we give our support for a register as a step towards a spray reduction strategy.</i>

		<i>We would welcome an investigation into alternate solutions to herbicide spraying with the understanding of a possible rate rise to implement .Appreciate the opportunity to comment.</i>
7.	<i>Name &amp; Address withheld.</i>	<i>We live at [REDACTED] and we support the proposed NO Spray Register Policy. All residents in our street currently tend their own street frontages and largely keep neighboring vacant properties frontages tidy also. This eliminates the need to spray which is actually a nuisance as the use of herbicide encourages the proliferation of Guildford grass because it eliminates its main competitors (eg Kikuyu). If applications are to be limited to a two year life can we suggest a reminder system be triggered when a registration is about to expire. Perhaps an application form could be posted out with the rate notice or an email could be generated.</i>
8.	<i>Name &amp; Address withheld.</i>	<i>I agree with a no spray policy register. In general I have no objection to herbicide spraying of road verges by the Shire, where objections have not been raised. However, some spraying should take place whenever spray drift conditions become a potential hazard to non target foliage. In my case my livelihood depends on successful growing of herbicide sensitive Avocado Trees (some near the roadside) hence my support for a no spray register.</i>
10.	<i>Name &amp; Address withheld.</i>	<i>I would appreciate being included on the “no Spray Register” as past sprayings have killed all vegetation in the area of the verge along our northern boundary with [REDACTED]. This has given rise to the growth of recognized pest plants and general weeds and made it difficult for the grass to re-establish. In the past, the grass has just started to become re-established when it is re sprayed and the cycle starts over again. This leaves the verge looking unkempt and untidy. I mow and maintain this area regularly as and when required as part of my general garden maintenance. We also have a large area around a power pole which is sprayed regularly creating a similar unkempt and untidy appearance. As I have to commit myself to keeping this area in good condition by signing your form, I think it only fair that the Shire commit to NOT spraying the area and I would appreciate return of the “no spray register guarantee” (form created by submitter) duly signed and dated. I can then charge the Shire of any extra fertiliser/seeds etc to r- establish the area damaged if it is sprayed “by Accident”.</i>
11.	<i>Name &amp; Address withheld.</i>	<i>I had already written to the Shire requesting no spraying in [REDACTED] outside our property, and it was acknowledged. I haven’t seen the draft policy, but for health reasons and also planting outside ones property I think it would be helpful for harmful sprays not to be rolled out.</i>
12.	<i>Name &amp; Address withheld.</i>	<i>The application shall be valid for 5 years at one time (reduces administrative costs and bureaucratic red tape). The Shire shall review the safety of the spraying policy on a yearly basis in line with new scientific research on the environmental and health related impact of herbicides (lest the Shire leaves itself open to expensive litigation and compensation claims) The applicant is not obliged to give a reason for inclusion in the register. If the Shire refuses an application it shall provide an alternative method of weed control (slashing, flame weeding, steam weeding).</i>