

STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part 4B of the *Pesticides Regulation 1995* (the Regulation). The plan sets out how the State Library of New South Wales will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to outdoor public places that it owns or controls.

The State Library of NSW is a premier information source for the people of New South Wales and beyond. The State Library is situated at Macquarie Street, Sydney, 2000 telephone phone (02) 9273-1414.

The State Library is a minimal user of horticultural and pest control pesticides. The majority of pesticide use occurs on an as-required basis and consists of applying herbicides for weed control, applying insecticides to manage certain insect pests (such as aphids, beetles, mealy bugs, sawfly larvae) and use of rodent baits in lockable bait stations.

2. PUBLIC PLACES, USERS and LEVEL OF USE

The Regulation defines prescribed outdoor public places which must be covered by the notification plan, the definition of which excludes the insides of any buildings or structures. The categories of public place owned or controlled by State Library of New South Wales which this plan applies to are:

- exterior gardens, Mitchell Wing (west, north and east)
- exterior gardens, Macquarie Street Wing
 - facing Macquarie Street
 - Domain Walkway, between Mitchell Wing and Macquarie Street Wing
- internal enclosed conservatory garden, level LG2, Macquarie Street Wing

It should be noted which areas of The State Library of New South Wales are considered to be a public place. The exterior gardens, Mitchell Wing (west, north and east), and the exterior gardens, facing Macquarie Street are not fenced or signed as this is a public thoroughfare. The exterior gardens along the Domain Walkway between the Mitchell Wing and Macquarie Street Wing are fenced to protect the gardens from vandalism. The internal enclosed conservatory garden, level LG2, Macquarie Street Wing is an internal feature garden for the Library's staff and clients which does not have public access.

Regular user groups and estimated usage

The regular user groups of the exterior gardens, Mitchell Wing (as above) and exterior gardens, Macquarie Street Wing, (as above) are used by the public and State Library staff, as these areas are main thoroughfare. Their estimated usage is considered to be high depending on the time of year.

3. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section describes the pesticide uses for which notice will be provided, how and when notice will be provided, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and situations where notice will not be given.

These notification arrangements have been developed with consideration to:

- the ease of public access to areas;
- the need to preserve State Library facilities from damage by pests in a timely manner; and
- the type and amount of pesticide being used.

How and when notice of pesticide use will be provided

Horticultural and pest control pesticides are only used on an as required basis. In all categories of public place, notification will be provided by posting information on the State Library's website which will be updated when required.

Emergency pesticide applications

Where the pest or disease outbreak requires immediate action to prevent damage, or in cases where emergency pesticide applications are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard), or with plague animals, notice will be provided by the Library's website.

Public places and pesticide uses for which notice will not be provided

No notice will be given for pesticide uses where small amounts of domestic-type pesticides products normally available in supermarkets in aerosol cans, baits, or handheld spray bottles.

Measures for sensitive places

Clause 11J(1) of the *Pesticides Regulation* defines a "sensitive place" to be any: school or pre-school, kindergarten, childcare centre, hospital, community health centre, nursing home or place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority (now a part of the Department of Environment and Conservation). The State Library does not have any adjacent sensitive places.

4. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 11L(2)(g) of the Pesticides Regulation, notice of pesticides uses will include the following information:

- the full product name of the pesticide to be used, and
- the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated, and
- the places where the pesticide is to be used, and
- contact telephone number of the State Library officer who people can contact to discuss the notice, and

- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the APVMA¹ permit.

5. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

The State Library will advise the community of this plan and its contents by:

- having a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at the State Library, Foyer Information Desk;
- including a copy of the plan on the State Library's website;
- placing a notice in local newspaper(s) Sydney Morning Herald and Telegraph; and
- placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette.

6. FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every 5 years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will include:

- public consultation on the notification methods outlined in the plan, calling for public submissions, and
- if required, exhibiting a new plan for comment with proposed amendments.

7. CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact the State Library to discuss the notification plan should contact:

Facilities Co-Ordinator
9273-1795

¹ The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), the national government body responsible for assessing and registering (or otherwise approving) all pesticide products in Australia and for their regulation up to and including the point of retail sale.