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PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

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1 INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 1995 (the Regulation). The plan sets out how Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

This plan details how and when the Authority will give public notice of the proposed use of pesticides in any prescribed public place the Authority owns or controls. The plan describes:

- the categories of public places where pesticides are to be used
- who regularly uses the public places and a general estimate of their level of use
- how and when the Authority will notify the community about proposed pesticide use in public places and specific notification arrangements that will be used
- the types of information that will be given to the community when giving notice of pesticide use (i.e. where the pesticide will be used, full product name, purpose, dates, contact officer details, label warnings)
- how the community will be informed about the notification plan and contact officer details
- how the plan will be reviewed in the future and how the community can be involved in future reviews.

1.1 ABOUT SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE AUTHORITY

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority owns and manages some of the State's most significant assets, including Sydney's heritage and cultural precincts at The Rocks and Darling Harbour.

With more than \$1.1 billion in assets, and around 230 employees, the Foreshore Authority manages significant commercial and retail leases, provides security, cleaning, building maintenance and other facility management services, cares for the public domain and more than 140 heritage items.

The Authority also operates tourism and marketing services and holds significant events in The Rocks and Darling Harbour each year. Between them, the precincts attract more than 40 million visitors annually.

The Authority also owns sites at White Bay Power Station, Rozelle railway yards and Ballast Point and manages other major waterfront assets around Sydney Harbour on behalf of other agencies.

The job of the Authority is to provide excellent service to its customers and to add value to its precincts. The success of its tenants leads to the Authority's business success and in turn the sustainability of its precincts and business.

2 PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority proposes to use, or allow the use of, pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls in The Rocks, Circular Quay, Darling Harbour, Pyrmont, Rozelle Railway Yards, White Bay Power Station, Ballast Point and managed places including King Street Wharf:

- Public parks and gardens
- Chinese Garden of Friendship

- Playgrounds
- Public land owned, or controlled, by Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, including:
 - road verges and reserves
 - laneways and pathways
 - road, rail, utility or other easements accessible to the public
 - drains
 - commons
 - other public spaces (specify).

Although not required by the Regulation, this notification plan will also provide information on how notice will be provided to the community of pesticide use in the interiors of the following Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority buildings or throughout the listed facilities:

- Entertainment Centre car park
- Harbourside car park
- Promontory car park
- Public amenities
- Public wharves

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority will not provide notification for public places over which persons or organisations hold an existing lease on Authority land. For these leased public places, the Authority will not provide notification of pesticide use, but it will request the lessee to carry out notification of the lessee's pesticide use in a manner consistent with this plan.

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority's estimate of the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places is summarised in the following table.

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Public parks and gardens	Visitors Local Residents Commercial Tenants Retail Tenants Community Groups Commercial Hirer's Tour Groups School Groups	High	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Rodenticides Fungicides/algaecides Bait bird control
Chinese Garden	Visitors Tour Groups School Groups Commercial Hirer's Facilities Contractors	High	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Spray and gel termiticides (insects: cockroaches, ants, spiders, etc.)
Playgrounds	Visitors Residents Tour Groups School Groups	High	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Bait bird control

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Road verges and reserves	Visitors Residents Tenants Pedestrians Cyclists Motorists	Medium	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides
Laneways and pathways	Visitors Residents Tenants Community Groups Tour Groups School Groups	High	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Rodenticides Fungicides/algaecides
Easements accessible to the public (e.g. road, rail, water, sewer, electricity)	Visitors Residents Tenants Tour Groups Facilities Contractors	Medium	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Rodenticides
Interiors of public buildings	Visitors Local Residents Commercial Tenants Retail Tenants Community Groups Commercial Hirer's Tour Groups School Groups Facilities Contractors	High	Rodenticides Spray and gel termiticides (insects: cockroaches, ants, spiders, etc.) Bait bird control
Car parks	Visitors	High	Rodenticides Spray and gel termiticides (insects: cockroaches, ants, spiders, etc.)
Public amenities	Visitors Local Residents Commercial Tenants Retail Tenants Community Groups Commercial Hirer's Tour Groups School Groups	High	Spray and gel termiticides (insects: cockroaches, ants, spiders, etc.)
Public Wharves	Visitors Local Residents Commercial Tenants Retail Tenants Community Groups	High	Rodenticides Spray and gel termiticides (insects: cockroaches, ants, spiders, etc.) Fungicides/algaecides

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3 NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, including special measures for sensitive places that are adjacent to public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

These notification requirements are based on Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority's assessment of:

- the level of usage of public places where pesticides may be used
- the extent to which members of the public are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides and are likely to use these areas regularly
- the extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some direct contact with pesticides (e.g. sitting on grass)
- the type of pesticide used.

3.1 HOW AND WHEN NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE WILL BE PROVIDED

The following types of notices will be provided for all public places covered by this plan for use of broad-scale herbicides, broad-scale insecticides, fungicides, algaecides, spray termiticides, bait bird control.

- Clear signage will be placed in the immediate vicinity prior to pesticide use and the signage will remain in place for 24 hours following completion of the application.
- Pesticides will not be applied to the Children's Playground area at Darling Harbour except for emergency treatment. The playground will be closed during any emergency applications and clear signage will be displayed within the vicinity of the playground area, and the signage will remain in place for 24 hours following the completion of the application.
- All rodenticides are contained in tamper-proof bait stations that do not allow the public to come in direct contact with the pesticide, so no notice will be provided.
- Pesticides will not be applied at public parks two within two days prior to an event (e.g. Tumbalong Park, First Fleet Park, Hickson Road Reserve).
- Clear signage will also be erected near any vehicle while applying pesticides.

The Authority will also provide notice by:

- providing general information via our website www.shfa.nsw.gov.au
- email or 'SMS' notification to any person who registers with the Authority requesting notification prior to specified notifiable pesticide uses. Any member of the community who would like to register for this notification can register their details by visiting our website or by calling our Customer Request Line on 1300 655 995.

3.2 INSTANCES WHERE NOTICE IS NOT PROVIDED

The Authority may not give notice for:

- minor spot spraying of herbicides or insecticides by use of handheld or backpack sprayer

- emergencies – clear signage will be displayed within the vicinity of the playground area until the next business day following completion of the application
- minor applications to small controlled areas to treat nuisance insects including ants, wasps, spiders, fleas and mites.
- all rodenticides contained in tamper-proof bait stations that do not allow the public to come in direct contact with the pesticide.

3.3 NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests including wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents that pose an immediate health hazard, the Authority will, where possible, provide notice by posting signs within the vicinity at the time of application or shortly thereafter. The signage will remain in place for 24 hours following completion of the application.

3.4 PESTICIDE CONTRACTORS AND LESSEES OF PUBLIC PLACES

Where Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, the Authority will ensure that the contractors comply with notification requirements of this plan. All new contracts that require pesticide usage will include a clause requiring compliance with this plan and the Pesticide Regulation 1995.

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority will not provide notification of pesticide use for public places over which persons or organisations hold an existing lease on Authority land. For these leased public places, the Authority will request the lessee to carry out notification of the lessee's pesticide use in a manner consistent with this plan. The Authority may also include compliance with this plan and the Pesticide Regulation 1995 as a condition of new leases.

4 WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

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

- 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
- a contact telephone number and email address of the officer who can be contacted to discuss the notice
- any warnings regarding re-entry to, or use of, the place when specified on the pesticide product label, or the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) permit.

5 HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority will advise residents of this plan and its contents by:

- making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at its main office at 66 Harrington St, The Rocks, NSW
- making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at The Rocks Sydney Visitor Centre

- making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at its main office at the Darling Harbour Sydney Visitor Centre
- placing a copy of the plan on the corporate website www.shfa.nsw.gov.au
- placing an advertisement in the government notice board section of major metropolitan newspapers.

6 FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

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

- a report on the progress of the implementation of the plan
- public consultation on the notification methods outlined in the plan
- recommendations for alterations to the plan (if applicable).

7 CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places may:

- access the website www.shfa.nsw.gov.au
- contact Kylie Vernon
66 Harrington St, The Rocks, NSW, 2000
Ph: 02 8267 6200
Fax: 02 9271 5175
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8 APPENDIX

8.1 MAP OF MAJOR OWNER OR MANAGED LANDS

