

Roadside Pesticide Free Areas

Council has developed this factsheet to assist landholders to consider, apply for and obtain consent to maintain a roadside pesticide free area.



Maintenance

As pesticides are an effective and economical method of controlling pests they are typically Council's preferred method of pest control throughout Ballina Shire.

It may be beneficial to some landholders, such as organic farmers to avoid the use of these chemicals around their property and maintain the roadsides themselves.

Due to the significant additional cost of alternative methods of weed control, where a 'Pesticide Free' area is approved, the pest maintenance of the area will become the responsibility of the applicant. Appropriate roadside maintenance is important for road safety, efficient drainage and service provision to the community.

Requirements

In order for a 'Pesticide Free' area to be approved by Council, the following requirements will need to be met:

- submit a completed Section 68 (Local Government Act) & Section 138 (Roads Act) application form
- provide payment of the application fee
- provide proof of \$20 million public liability insurance, covering all aspects of the works
- provide a traffic control plan developed by a suitably qualified person.

The applicant will also be required as a minimum to submit details of how they will maintain the roadside area and the following information will need to be provided with the application:

- aerial plan showing the requested roadside pesticide free area
- the proposed roadside maintenance methods that will be employed
- the proposed roadside maintenance schedule.

Managing Roadside Pesticide Free Areas

Landholder applications once assessed and approved will have the roadside pesticide free area placed on Council's register and pesticide use will cease.

Landholders will be required to maintain this area as per the approved application.

Failure to undertake this maintenance to Council's satisfaction will result in removal from the register and Council recommencing maintenance.

Further Information

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