

## Questionnaire to State Authorities and Local Governments

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A. **TREE REMOVAL**

1. Does your management of public land include the following?

a) Tree removal (Please circle) **YES** or **NO**

b) Tree replacement **YES** or **NO**

2. When did your authority first introduce the tree removal / replacement policies?

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Which species of trees have been removed?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. How many trees have been removed on a yearly basis since the introduction of the policies and what have been the yearly financial costs of tree removal?

| Year | Removed | Cost    | Year | Removed | Cost    |
|------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 2010 | _____   | \$_____ | 2004 | _____   | \$_____ |
| 2009 | _____   | _____   | 2003 | _____   | _____   |
| 2008 | _____   | _____   | 2002 | _____   | _____   |
| 2007 | _____   | _____   | 2001 | _____   | _____   |
| 2006 | _____   | _____   | 2000 | _____   | _____   |
| 2005 | _____   | _____   | 1999 | _____   | _____   |

(Please provide more information if available and attach pages)

5. a) What has been the minimum cost per tree removal? \$\_\_\_\_\_

b) What has been the maximum cost per tree removal? \$\_\_\_\_\_

6. What was the average age of trees removed? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you aware of tree removals from schools in your area due to the Federal Government "BER" schools' building programme? (Please circle) **YES** or **NO**

8. Approximately how many trees have been removed due to the BER from the schools in your area? \_\_\_\_\_

**Questionnaire to State Authorities and Local Governments** -continued**B. PESTICIDES / HERBICIDES** (Add pages for your responses if necessary)

1. Does your authority use herbicides / pesticides on public land in your area?  
(Please circle) **YES or NO**

2. When did your authority begin to use them on public land? Year \_\_\_\_\_

3. How much herbicide / pesticide has been purchased by your authority or contractor on a yearly basis? (Please provide details for the past 5 years)

| eg. Year <u>2010</u> | Product <u>Glyphosate</u> | Quantity _____ | Cost _____ |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|
| _____                | _____                     | _____          | _____      |
| _____                | _____                     | _____          | _____      |
| _____                | _____                     | _____          | _____      |
| _____                | _____                     | _____          | _____      |

(Please add pages or photocopies of purchase orders for as many years as possible)

4. What has been the total financial cost per year of these practices including products and services by contractor or staff?

|                    |            |            |            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Year 2010 \$ _____ | 2007 _____ | 2004 _____ | 2001 _____ |
| 2009 _____         | 2006 _____ | 2003 _____ | 2000 _____ |
| 2008 _____         | 2005 _____ | 2002 _____ | 1999 _____ |

5. a) Has all or most of the yearly purchased amount been used by either your staff or contractor on the land that is managed by your authority,?  
(Please circle) **YES or NO**

b) Please circle all of the places listed below that have ever been treated with pesticides / herbicides by either your staff or contractor:

|                    |                      |                   |                                     |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Parks</b>       | <b>Reserves</b>      | <b>Sand-dunes</b> | <b>River foreshore</b>              |
| <b>Playgrounds</b> | <b>Sports fields</b> | <b>Bushland</b>   | <b>Laneways</b>                     |
| <b>Verges</b>      | <b>Medians</b>       | <b>Footpaths</b>  | <b>Other areas</b> (please specify) |

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6. What safety precautions are taken for the **applicators** of the herbicides and pesticides and also the **public**, and how does your authority determine that they are adequate?

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. How does your authority make this information available to the public?

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8. How and where does your authority or contractor dispose of unwanted herbicides or pesticides? Location/ Facility name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Does your authority undertake any monitoring of **AIR, SOIL** or **WATER** immediately after application or at any time? (Please circle and specify.)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Has your authority undertaken a formal **risk assessment** to determine that:  
a) the use of the products is warranted, b) there are no adverse acute or chronic health effects suffered by those who are either exposed to the vapours of the chemicals or who come into contact with the surfaces sprayed, including children, pets and wildlife, c) the herbicides are not leading to herbicide resistance in weeds and d) all of the chemicals are not contributing to the pollution of our environment and mixture toxicity?

(Please circle) **YES** or **NO**

If **YES**, when was the **risk assessment** undertaken and by whom?

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

11. How does your authority ensure that all the **enquiries** or **complaints** from the public regarding the herbicides / pesticides used and the spraying programmes are formally registered?

- (Please tick)  Complaints List
- Residential exclusion zone
- Other (Please specify)

\_\_\_\_\_

12. Is your authority attempting to reduce the use of herbicides / pesticides and if so, how? (Please circle) **YES** or **NO** and specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Has there been any formal community consultation undertaken by your authority on the following policies or practices and if so , when?

a) **TREE REMOVAL** (Please circle) **YES** or **NO**. Year: \_\_\_\_\_

b) **HERBICIDE / PESTICIDE USE**. **YES** or **NO** Year: \_\_\_\_\_