

## Questionnaire to State Authorities and Local Governments

### A. TREE REMOVAL (p.1) B. PESTICIDES / HERBICIDES (p.2-3)

#### 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: 1995

3. Which species of trees have been removed?

Both exotic & native - numerous species

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

Information not available. Specific records on actual numbers are not kept or collated.

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? \$20

b) What has been the maximum cost per tree removal? \$ approx \$3,000

6. What was the average age of trees removed? Information not available

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? Information not available

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### 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 **1995**

3. How much herbicide / pesticide has been purchased by your authority or contractor on a yearly basis? (Please provide details for the past 5years)  
**Information not available. Specific records on actual numbers are not kept or collated.**

eg. Year 2010 Product *Glyphosate* Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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(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?

**Information not available. Specific records on actual numbers are not kept or collated.**

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** **Both**

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

**Parks**      **Reserves**      **Sand-dunes**      **River foreshore**  
**Playgrounds**      **Sports fields**      **Bushland**      **Laneways**  
**Verges**      **Medians**      **Footpaths**      **Other areas** (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?

Comply with material safety data sheet, manufacturers label & relevant government agencies. Also supervision of contractor.

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

Advertisements in local newspaper.

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

Drum muster program

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

No – not required.

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: Ongoing

Name: Administration staff

Contact details: Town of Cambridge

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)

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

Constantly reviewing programs and processes. Mow and whipper snip where ever possible

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: **Treescape Plan review 2010**

b) **HERBICIDE / PESTICIDE USE**  YES or  NO Year: **2010 May & October each year & (council report)**

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