

Guide to making a submission

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Topic one: Open burning-support all points but feel point three should apply to rural areas as well as urban
Burning of certain harmful materials (eg Plastic) cannot be burned.

Rationale- many farmers do not recycle plastics but just burn in their burning spot, as they do other rubbish.

Topic Three : Agrichemical spraying:

1.Should read: in both urban and rural areas a spray risk management plan is required before spraying. Factors such as the proximity to boundaries with neighbors, wind direction and strength, the type of spray being applied and is it the safest - must be assessed in order to do no harm.

Rationale: Because our city is growing with infill of housing within it, and urban areas now are encroaching into horticultural areas, there is more of our population is at risk of spray-poisoning. More people today have allergies and chemical sensitivities.

For example, children are especially at risk, so that there should be no sprays used in schools unless it is weekend or holidays.

2.Stricter signage requirements for spraying in public amenity areas,and all Council contractors should be made to do a new standard course in the spraying of such areas. At present a course called "Growsafe" is the only pre- requisite required by Council contractors .

Rationale:This course was designed about 30 years ago for learning to spray in a horticultural setting. At present, staff do not even clear parks of people before they commence spraying, sometimes in the wind.

3.Stricter notification requirements for spraying using methods with higher risk of spray drift and stricter monitoring that these rules are adhered to. There should be notification agreements with neighbors.

I agree with all of the above.

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