



NO SPRAY POLICY

TITLE:	NO SPRAY POLICY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	SUPERVISOR PARKS AND RESERVES
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1. INTENT

Council is responsible for vegetation management within the road reserves and properties it owns/manages. Management methods for the control of vegetation include slashing, burning and the use of chemical herbicides.

Council acknowledges that there will be residents within Sorell that do not wish to have the frontage of their property sprayed with chemical herbicides due to a variety of reasons including registered organic farms and medical condition/s where avoidance of spray is essential.

2. OBJECTIVE

This policy is intended to allow property owners and residents to apply to Council to request that vegetation on Council road reservations and/or Council land abutting their property not be sprayed with chemical herbicides.

REQUIREMENTS

RURAL ROADS

Council is required to maintain Council owned and/or managed roadways. This includes, but is not be limited to, spraying verges, drains, woody weeds within the entire road reserve, around ends of culverts, marker posts and other street furniture. Declared weeds and other priority pest plants are required to be controlled within all road reserves.

URBAN ROADS

Council is responsible for keeping the roadway between the back edges of the kerb and the full width of footpaths free of vegetation. Additionally, Council is required to keep the road reserve free of declared weeds and priority pest plants.

COUNCIL LAND

Council is required to manage declared weeds in its reserves.

This policy applies to vegetation management on Council managed road reservations and Council land. Council will consider all applications to cease spraying operations where Council road reservation and/or land abut private land on a case by case basis.