



Forestry Tasmania

Pesticide Use Policy

Pesticides can play an important role in efficiently establishing and maintaining healthy and productive forests. However, if used inappropriately, pesticides can also cause significant environmental, social and economic harm. Forestry Tasmania recognises that any use of pesticide must be undertaken with due consideration of the potential for both negative and positive outcomes.

This policy applies to all forest-based pesticide operations conducted by Forestry Tasmania. Under this policy, Forestry Tasmania will:

- **Minimise and strive to avoid** the need for pesticide use through the use of integrated pest management approaches, adoption of appropriate silvicultural techniques, and by conducting research into more benign alternatives.
- **Use** pesticides only when alternative approaches to the management of recognised pests are unfeasible.
- **Restrict** pesticides used to only those approved for use by Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, the Australian Forestry Standard and Forest Stewardship Council® processes.
- **Store, transport and dispose** of pesticide products in accordance with best practice and regulatory requirements.
- **Plan and implement** pesticide application operations to minimise adverse outcomes. This will include:
 - **Complying** with the *Forest Practices Code*, the *Code of Practice for Aerial Spraying*, the *Code of Practice for Ground Spraying*, and respective chemical label requirements;
 - **Conducting** risk assessments as appropriate to assist in developing appropriate operational prescriptions;
 - **Engaging** with stakeholders that may be affected by pesticide operations;
 - **Ensuring** personnel have the required licenses and training to safely conduct pesticide operations; and,
 - **Employing** application techniques that achieve operational objectives whilst minimising non-target effects.
- **Monitor** all pesticide application operations, including the conducting of water sampling in waterways located near sensitive areas as appropriate.
- **Publically report** on the pest management and pesticide usage program, including identified occurrences of adverse effects of pesticide use.

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