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# **Pesticide use notification plan for outdoor public places**

**2024**

**Application of s-methoprene pesticide pellet products at Eastern  
Suburbs Memorial Park**

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# 1. Introduction

This pesticide use notification plan for Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Pesticides Regulation 2017* (the Regulation).

The aim of this plan is to inform and protect the local community and employees of Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park regarding the use of pesticides for mosquito control. The plan outlines the procedures and measures in place to ensure that pesticides are applied to public places in a safe, responsible manner, minimising harm to the community or the environment.

The plan sets out how South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) Public Health Unit will notify the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls, including the application of s-methoprene pellets.

The plan describes:

- Public places covered by the plan
- Who regularly uses these public places, and an estimate of the level of use
- Notification arrangements, including how and when notice of pesticide use will be provided to the community
- How the community can access this plan and get more information about the notification arrangements
- How future reviews of the plan will be conducted
- Contact details for further inquiries regarding the pesticide use notification plan

## 2. Public places covered by this plan

The following list identifies outdoor public places within Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, a cemetery and crematorium located on Lot 101 in DP 805244, No. 12 Military Road, Matraville 2036 New South Wales, where s-methoprene pellets (an insect growth regulator) may be applied to vessels containing water (typically flower vases):

- **Garden areas:** Includes various flower beds, ornamental plants, and landscaped sections.
- **Walking paths and pathways:** Areas frequently used by visitors for walking.
- **Memorial and grave sites:** Areas around memorial sites, graves, and monuments which receive regular maintenance.
- **Water features and ponds:** Areas surrounding water features, ponds, and small lakes.
- **Grassy lawns and open spaces:** General grassy areas and open spaces used for various activities, including memorial services.
- **Vegetation management areas:** Areas requiring regular maintenance for invasive species control and general upkeep.

The primary use of s-methoprene pellets at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park is for targeted mosquito control. This insect growth regulator helps manage populations of mosquitoes and other insects in various environments.

**Table 1:** Summary of the public places within Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, their regular user groups, level of use, and types of pesticides typically used:

Public Places	Regular User Groups	Level of use of public space	Types of Pesticides Used
Garden Areas	Visitors, employees, contractors	Medium	Larvicide and insect growth regulator
Walking Paths and Pathways	Visitors, mourners, employees	Medium to high	Larvicide and insect growth regulator
Memorial and Grave Sites	Mourners, employees	High (particularly during events)	Larvicide and insect growth regulator
Water Features and Ponds	Visitors, maintenance staff	Variable (depending on season)	Larvicide and insect growth regulator
Grassy Lawns and Open Spaces	Mourners, employees	High (particularly during events)	Larvicide and insect growth regulator
Vegetation Management Areas	Maintenance staff	Variable	Larvicide and insect growth regulator

### Explanation of Level of Use

- High - Daily
- Medium - Weekly
- Low - Annual (or less frequently)

# 3. Notification

This section of the plan describes how and when SESLHD Public Health Unit will provide notice of pesticide use in public places within Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park.

These notification requirements are based on SESLHD Public Health Unit's assessment of:

- The level of usage of public places where pesticides may be applied
- The likelihood of sensitive individuals (such as young children, the sick, pregnant women, and the elderly) using these areas regularly
- The potential for direct contact with pesticides in these areas
- The type of pesticide used, its toxicity and exposure pathways

This section of the plan outlines how and when SESLHD Public Health Unit will notify the public about pesticide use in Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park.

## 3.1 How and when notice of pesticide use will be provided

In the outdoor public places of Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park (that is, the cemetery grounds), notice of pesticide use will be provided as follows:

- **Notification Signs:**
  - **Placement:** Near the application area or at the main entrance.
  - **Timing:** At least 48 hours before the pesticide application and will remain for at least 30 working days after the application.
  - **Pesticides Used:** Methoprene.
- **Online Information:**
  - Information about the pesticide application schedule will be available to the general community on the SESLHD Public Health Unit webpage (<https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/public-health>).

## 3.2 Pesticide contractors and lessees of public places

Where SESLHD Public Health Unit uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, SESLHD Public Health Unit will ensure that notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this plan.

## 4. What information will be provided

In accordance with clause 41(1)(h) of the Regulation, notice of pesticide use will include the following information:

- The full product name of the pesticide to be used
- The active ingredient within the registered formulation of pesticide
- The purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated
- The proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use
- The places where the pesticide is to be used
- Contact telephone number and email address of the Environmental Health team at SESLHD Public Health Unit which can be contacted by people wishing to discuss the notice
- Any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)<sup>1</sup> permit

The template for the Pesticide Use Notice can be found in Appendix 2.

## 5. How the community will be informed

SESLHD Public Health Unit will advise Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park users of this plan and its contents by:

- Making a copy of the plan available for viewing at the ESMP reception
- Placing a copy of the notification plan on the SESLHD Public Health Unit web page (<https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/public-health>) and Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park web page (<https://www.smcnsw.org.au/eastern/home>)

<sup>1</sup>The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), the national government body responsible for assessing and registering (or otherwise approving) all pesticide products in Australia and for their regulation up to and including the point of retail sale.

## 6. Future reviews of the plan

The pesticide use notification plan will be reviewed every 5 years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will consider the implementation and effectiveness of the plan to identify potential improvements.

When there are major changes to the plan, the public consultation process which established the original plan will be repeated. When there are minor updates to the plan the public will be notified through an update to the plan on the relevant SESLHD and Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park websites.

## 7. Contact details

Anyone wishing to contact SESLHD Public Health Unit to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact:

SESLHD Public Health Unit, Environmental Health team

**Address:** Hut U, Building 23, Easy Street, Randwick NSW 2031

**Phone:** +61 9382 8333

**Fax:** +61 9382 8314

**Email:** [SESLHD-PublicHealthUnit-EH@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SESLHD-PublicHealthUnit-EH@health.nsw.gov.au)

**After hours contact number:** +61 9382 2222

Or access the website: <https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/public-health>



# 8. Appendices

## Appendix 1: Map of Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park.



## Appendix 2: Template for the Pesticide Use Notice

Signs for pesticide use notification will be used as described in section 3. Notification.



# Public notification

## of pesticide use in outdoor public places

NSW Health has prepared a “Pesticide Use Notification Plan” to comply with the *Pesticides Regulation* 2017. The Pesticides Use Notification Plan can be viewed on the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) Public Health Unit web page at <https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/public-health>.

This sign is to advise you that pesticides will be used on public land at this location. Details of the application are outlined below:

<b>Pesticide product name</b>	
<b>Active ingredient</b>	
<b>Purpose of use</b>	
<b>Date/s of pesticide use</b>	
<b>Where pesticide is to be used</b>	
<b>Warnings or special requirements for this pesticide (if applicable)</b>	

If you require further information regarding this notice, please contact:

<b>Contact name</b>	<b>Phone number</b>	<b>Email address</b>

## PESTICIDES REGULATION 2017 - EXEMPTION ORDER UNDER CLAUSE 8

### Name of Order

1. This Order is to be known as the *NSW Health Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park Licence Exemption Order 2024*.

### Authority for Order

2. This Order is made by the EPA pursuant to cl 8 of the Pesticides Regulation 2017 (**the Regulation**).

### Duration of Order

3. This Order commences on the date of publication in the NSW Government Gazette and has effect until revoked by the EPA by notice published in the NSW Government Gazette.

### Objects of Order

4. The objects of this Order are to:
  - a) Authorise those persons described in cl 11 of this Order to use approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet products to control mosquitoes at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, No. 12 Military Road, Matraville 2036 New South Wales, without the need to hold a pest management technician licence.
  - b) Authorise those persons described in cl 12 of this Order to employ or engage persons to use the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product to control mosquitoes at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park without the need for either to hold a pest management technician licence.

### Background

5. Section 45(1) of the *Pesticides Act 1999* (**the Act**) provides that a person must not carry out prescribed pesticide work unless the person is the holder of a licence that authorises the person to carry out that kind of work.
6. Section 45(2) of the Pesticides Act provides that a person must not employ or engage any other person (an **agent**) to carry out prescribed pesticide work unless the agent also holds a licence that authorises the agent to carry out the work that the agent is employed or engaged to carry out.
7. Pest management technician work is prescribed pesticide work requiring a licence.
8. Under cl 8 of the Regulation, the EPA may exempt a specified person or class of persons from licensing requirements.

### Exemption for NSW Health Service employees

9. This Order exempts NSW Health Service employees from the requirement to hold a licence for pest management technician work as required under section 45(1) of the Act for the use of the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product to control mosquitoes at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, subject to the conditions in cl 11 of this Order.

### Exemption for NSW Health Service supervisors

10. This Order exempts NSW Health Service Supervisors from the requirement to hold a licence for pest management technician work, and for the NSW Health Service employee that they employ or engage for pest management technician work to also hold a licence, as required under section 45(2) of the Act for the use of the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product to control mosquitoes at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, subject to the conditions in cl 12 of this Order.

**Conditions for the NSW Health Service Employee exemption under clause 9 (persons using the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product to control mosquitoes)**

11. The exemption in cl 9 of this Order only applies if the following conditions are complied with:

- (1) The NSW Health Service employee using the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product must:
  - a) be employed or engaged by a NSW Health Service employer or supervisor; and
  - b) be instructed by the NSW Health Service employer or supervisor on how to safely use the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product and how to be compliant with the product label, the requirements of the Act and its regulations.

**Conditions for the NSW Health Service supervisors exemption under clause 10 (persons supervising the persons using the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product to control mosquitoes)**

12. The exemption in cl 10 of this Order only applies if the following conditions are complied with:

- (1) A NSW Health Service supervisor must:
  - a) Instruct the NSW Health Service employee on how to safely use the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product and how to be compliant with the product label, the requirements of the Act and its regulations for use of that product;
  - b) ensure the NSW Health Service employee is made aware of the application and limitations of this Order;
  - c) ensure training records are made and kept as evidence that the NSW Health Employee has been instructed as required by cl 12(1)(a); and
  - d) make and keep records relating to the use of the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product as required under Part 4 of the Regulation.
- (2) A NSW Health Service supervisor must apply a written notice at all pedestrian entrances to the treatment area (part of Lot 7090 DP 1110711, specified in Figure 1) at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park when the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product is being applied and for a minimum of 30 days after application. The notice must contain the following information:
  - (a) the name of the pesticide being used;
  - (b) why the pesticide has been applied (e.g. what pests are being treated);
  - (c) where the pesticide has been applied;
  - (d) the date or range of dates when the pesticide was applied; and
  - (e) the contact details of the person, or office, applying the pesticide.

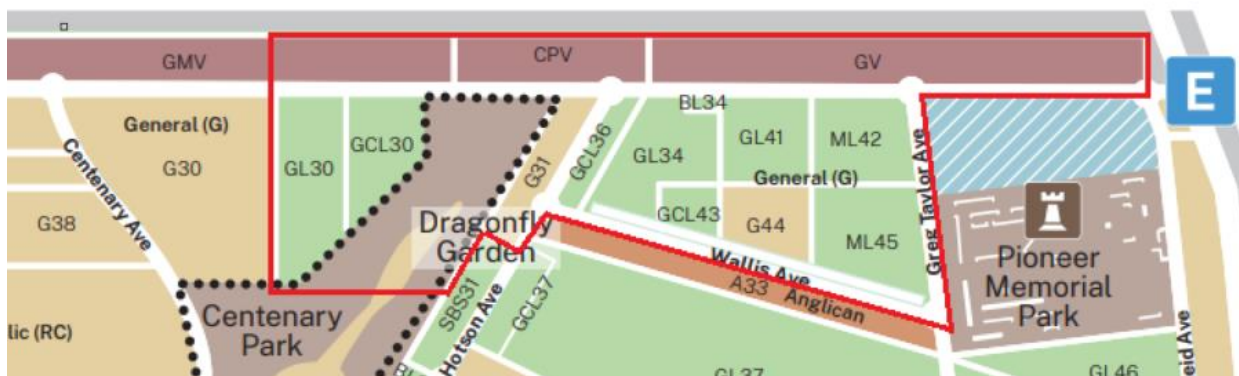


Figure 1: Treatment area for the use of approved s-methoprene pellet products. Treatment area is indicated by the red line and is part of Lot 7090 DP 1110711.

## Definitions

13. In this Order -

**Approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product** means any pesticide pellet product containing s-methoprene as the only active ingredient registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), or approved for use under an APVMA permit, for the control of mosquitoes.

**EPA** means the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

**NSW Health Service employee** means a person employed in the NSW Health Service under Part 1 of Chapter 9 of the Health Services Act 1997 and who is 18 years of age or over.

**NSW Health Service supervisor** means a NSW Health Service employee, or a person who exercises employer functions in relation to the NSW Health Service, that:

- (a) employs or engages a NSW Health Service employee to use the Approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, and
- (b) is responsible for overseeing and instructing employees on operational procedures in respect to the use of the approved s-methoprene pesticide pellet product. Supervision can be indirect only where the supervisor has established an employee is competent to use the approved s-methoprene pellet product without direct (onsite) supervision.

**Pest management technician work** has the same meaning as in the Regulation.

**Use** of a pesticide means “use” and “possession” as each of those terms is defined in the Act.



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