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Ms Jenni McLeod
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Via Email: beecollectivetas@gmail.com

Dear Ms McLeod

Thank you for your email and attached February 2020 letter received in relation to glyphosate spraying in Clarence, specifically the area around the South Arm Community Hub. I apologise for the delay in replying.

Clarence City Council's operational staff and contractors utilise products containing glyphosate where appropriate to do so, in accordance with their training, herbicide label directions, standard operating procedures, *Code of Practice for Spraying in Public Places* (DPIPWE 2014) and advice we have received from various authorities and regulating bodies. Clarence City Council spraying programs are targeted at maintaining infrastructure, maintaining landscaped areas, assisting in routine maintenance of public open space or targeting specific environmental or declared weeds.

I have been advised that as a standard practice when spraying in a public open space, signs are placed at either end of the work site and remain onsite until the spray has dried completely (time required is weather dependent). Spray operators will remain onsite during this time. There is no exclusion period required by the approved labels for glyphosate-based herbicides, so no additional notifications are deemed necessary for the type of spray application applied during maintenance activities in public open spaces and along paths.

In regard to your proposal, council is responsible for maintaining facilities such as the South Arm Community Hub to a standard for the benefit and safety of the community. This includes maintaining landscaped areas, paths, gravel car parks and park facilities. The use of glyphosate-based herbicides is still considered to be the most efficient means to maintain these areas in conjunction with other methods such as hand weeding, mowing and brush-cutting.

Council continues to monitor alternatives to glyphosate-based herbicides as they are developed and are assessed to be safe and effective alternatives.

Your proposal has been received by the relevant council officers and may be considered as a site for potential trials of alternatives to glyphosate-based herbicides in the future.

In the meantime, council parks staff have been briefed where possible, to avoid spraying plants when they are in flower as you have previously communicated in adherence to section 18 of the Code of Practice for Spraying in Public Places (DPIPWE 2014).

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this explains Council's actions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Chipman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alderman Doug Chipman
MAYOR