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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Forestry Corporation of NSW (Forestry Corporation) is required by the *Pesticides Regulation 2009* (the Regulation) to develop a Pesticide Notification Plan. The aim of this plan is to meet the community's general right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are owned or controlled by Forestry Corporation. The plan, detailed in this document, sets out when and how Forestry Corporation will notify the community of pesticide applications it makes, or allows to be made, to public places that it owns or controls.
- 1.2. Forestry Corporation sustainably manages native State forests and plantations covering more than 2 million hectares to achieve a range of economic, environmental and social benefits for the people of NSW;
- 1.3. Forestry Corporation seeks to develop, and apply across areas it manages, safe and effective pesticide use practices and in doing so minimise the risks associated with the use of pesticides.
- 1.4. The plan describes:
  - what public places are covered by the plan;
  - who regularly uses these public places and an estimate of the level of use;
  - how and when Forestry Corporation will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places;
  - how the community can access this plan and get more information about Forestry Corporation's notification arrangements;
  - how future reviews of the plan will be conducted;
  - contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with Forestry Corporation.
- 1.5. This pesticide use notification plan will be integrated into the Forestry Corporation broader suite of management policies and procedures covering pesticide use. These include:
  - training of pesticide users and advisors;
  - keeping records of pesticide use;
  - workplace safety;
  - Forestry Corporation's *Manual for the Use of Chemicals*;
    - standardized signage guides
    - Principles of Spray Drift Management.

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## 2. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

- 2.1 In the context of the Regulation, a public place is an area controlled by Forestry Corporation, which the public is entitled to access or has a clear right to enter.
- 2.2 Forestry Corporation carries out its activities throughout a range of facilities located across most of NSW. The activities carried out at many of these facilities involve some level of pesticide use, either to enhance productivity, or for maintenance of the facility. Many of these facilities include areas that meet the definition of a public place provided in the Regulation, including:
- native and plantation forests;
  - offices and works depots;
  - production plant nurseries.

A list of key office Forestry Corporation's locations is available on the website [www.forestrycorporation.com.au](http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au)

In most situations entry signs, directions and public facilities offer an implied invitation to enter the area. Examples include picnic areas and parking areas in State forests.

On the other hand, there are places under the control of Forestry Corporation where the public has no or limited right of access. For example, there is an implied right for the public to use the driveway at an office, to park in the designated visitor's area and to walk to the office reception area. Beyond this point, the public has no right to enter other parts of the establishment unless they are invited to do so.

From time to time forests, or sections of forests, need to be closed to the public for a variety of reasons including fire and flood, maintenance, events or forest operations.

### Categories of Public Place under the Control of Forestry Corporation

- 2.3 The specific public places controlled by Forestry Corporation and included in this notification plan can be summarised as follows;
- 2.3.1 Native and Planted forests (high public usage) – Includes areas where there is high public visitation or visiting is facilitated, such as picnic, camping and recreational facilities and visitor parking and information areas. Some forests also include accommodation such as cabins and lodges which are available to the public (listed in Appendix A).

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- 2.3.2 Native and Planted forests (low public usage) – Includes production forests, access roads and fire trails and those forests managed on behalf of a third party. Excludes all areas of high visitation.
- 2.3.3 Seedling holding yards – this involves the temporary storage of seedlings during the planting season, potentially up to 4 months in duration. Potential application of fungicides and or pesticides. Typically, these holding yards are in or adjacent to forestry depots.
- 2.3.4 Cumberland State Forest – Includes a corporate facility and a State forest with picnic areas as well as a retail nursery, visitor centre, treetops adventure park and coffee shop. The retail nursery and treetops adventure park are operated under permit and are not within the scope of this plan. For the purposes of this notification plan, the following parts of Cumberland have been identified as public places:
- picnic areas and surrounding native forest; and
  - walking trails, access roads and visitor parking areas.
- 2.3.5 Operational and Administration facilities – Forestry Corporation operates a range of facilities across the state including offices, workshops and depots and production nurseries. At these facilities, prescribed public places are generally restricted to access roads, visitor parking areas and adjacent rest areas.

2.4 Forestry Corporation has estimated the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of the categories of public place under its control. This information is set out in Appendix A.

Data from a voluntary web based survey of forest users has been used to supplement Government estimates of user groups and their level of usage.

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### 3 NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 This section of the plan describes how and when Forestry Corporation will provide notice of pesticide use in the various categories of public place under its control. These notification arrangements are based on Forestry Corporation assessment of:

- the level of usage of public places where pesticides may be used;
- the method of pesticide application used; and,
- the extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some direct contact with pesticides.

3.2 Notice of pesticide use will be provided by one or more of the following methods:

- signs
- information on our website
- notices in newspapers
- radio announcements
- letters
- fax and email
- letterbox drops
- door knocking
- phone contact

3.3 Appendix B provides detail on the notification arrangements that will apply to each category of public place under the control of Forestry Corporation.

3.4 Where the application of a pesticide is conditional on a statutory notification requirement, such as in the case of some vertebrate pest poisons, the application of the pesticide will not proceed until the statutory notification requirements have been met.

3.5 Although not required by the Regulation, Forestry Corporation will respond to any reasonable request from neighbours adjacent to a Forestry Corporation property for details of recent pesticide application activities at that site. Neighbours should make their requests to the Officer in charge of the particular property.

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## Special Measures for Sensitive Places

- 3.6 The Regulation requires this Notification Plan to indicate the special protection measures that will be taken if a pesticide is proposed to be used in a prescribed public place that is adjacent to a sensitive place.
- 3.7 Clause 18 of the Regulation defines a sensitive place to be any:
- school or pre-school
  - kindergarten
  - childcare centre
  - hospital
  - community health centre
  - nursing home
  - place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority
- 3.8 When the Forestry Corporation, or its contractors, sprays a sensitive place or adjacent to a sensitive place, the person in charge of the sensitive place will be notified directly, at least seven calendar days prior to the scheduled application to the extent this is possible.
- In the case of an emergency response to an exotic disease/pest outbreak, shorter notice may be unavoidable.
- 3.9 Where the circumstances relating to a specific sensitive site are such that the notification proposed in 3.8 is deemed insufficient, the Forestry Corporation will negotiate a mutually acceptable notification strategy with the person in charge of the specific sensitive site.

## Notification of Emergency Pesticide Applications

- 3.10 Where pesticide applications are carried out in prescribed public places under the control of the Forestry Corporation, as part of an exotic pest or disease emergency response, or where the pesticide application targets a pest or disease that presents an immediate risk to property or to public health, the following emergency notification arrangements will apply.
- 3.10.1 In circumstances where a pesticide is applied in a prescribed public place by hand held equipment as a spot spray, or where the application is restricted to relatively small areas, emergency signage will be placed in the immediate vicinity of the treatment area.
- Signage will be maintained for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.

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3.10.2 In circumstances where a pesticide application to a prescribed public place is on a broader scale or by air, emergency signage will be placed on all major access roads to the treated area and maintained for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.

3.10.3 In all circumstances, where there is sufficient notice that emergency operations will be undertaken in an area, public media such as radio will be used to provide notification, at least in general terms, that a pesticide application is proposed for a prescribed public place.

3.10.4 General information on pesticide use during emergencies will be available through publicly accessible and well advertised contact points that operate during emergency operations.

#### **Notification of Emergency Pesticide Applications Adjacent to Sensitive Sites**

3.11 In circumstances where an emergency pesticide application is required in a prescribed public place that is adjacent to a sensitive place, the person in charge of the sensitive place will be notified by phone or in person, followed by communication in writing (letter, fax or email). Every effort will be made to adjust the timing of the proposed pesticide application to meet the circumstances of the sensitive place, but should not be less than 24 hours.

#### **Pesticide Contractors and Lessees of Public Places**

3.12 Unless specified otherwise, contractors, lessees or permit holders that apply pesticides on behalf of the Forestry Corporation to prescribed public places will be required to implement the notification requirements set out in this plan for that class of public place.

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## 4 PUBLIC PLACES AND PESTICIDE USES WHERE NO PRIOR NOTICE WILL BE PROVIDED

Forestry Corporation has determined that exposure to pesticide residues in the circumstances identified below represent a negligible risk to the public utilising these areas. As a result, Forestry Corporation will not provide prior notice of pesticide application in these circumstances.

However, given that a risk of exposure may still exist during some types of pesticide application, Forestry Corporation will use its discretion in restricting public access to an area while any pesticide application is in progress.

- 4.1 Forestry Corporation utilises some pesticides for the maintenance of buildings, driveways, visitor car parks and the immediate vicinity of these areas that are part of public places under its control.

In most cases this involves the use of knockdown herbicides or insecticides applied as spot sprays or by hand application methods or the distribution of rodent baits over limited parts of the treatment zone.

Herbicides used in these circumstances will generally be unscheduled or schedule 5 chemicals such as glyphosate (Roundup™), metsulfuron-methyl and simazine that are also available to the general public in home garden products. Home garden insecticides such as chlorpyrifos are used for ant and spider control. Rodent baits are applied in appropriately labeled bait boxes.

- 4.2 Forestry Corporation applies herbicides by hand application methods such as cut stump or basal bark to control small infestations of woody weeds and unwanted trees in low public usage forests and in Cumberland State Forest.
- 4.3 Public places in remote areas that are rarely accessed by the public, during operations such as emergency pest/disease outbreaks; provided that application will cease should anyone be detected in the spray application area.

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## 5 WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

- 5.1 Irrespective of the method of notification (e.g. signage at access points, newspaper or radio advertisements, website information, letters to residents, phone calls or personal contact) a notice of pesticide use will include all the following information:
- the full product name of the pesticide to be used
  - 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 Forestry Corporation officer who people can contact to discuss the notice
  - any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place specified on the pesticide product label or any relevant Permit issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.
- 5.2 To improve public recognition, pesticide use notices and signage will generally be in a consistent form.
- 5.3 In circumstances involving the emergency application of pesticides, emergency signage or notices will be provided.

Emergency signage or notices will not provide the detail indicated in 5.1 but will provide a contact point from where all the required information can be obtained.

## 6 HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

- 6.1 Forestry Corporation will take all reasonable steps to make the public aware of this Notification Plan and provide access to the document by:
- placing a notice in *The Land* and *Sydney Morning Herald* Newspaper advising that a Notification Plan has been reviewed and how to obtain access to a copy of the plan
  - placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette
  - placing a copy of the plan and other associated information on the Forestry Corporation website at [www.forestrycorporation.com.au](http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au)
  - providing a copy of the Notification Plan in response to any request to the Forestry Corporation notification contact point
  - including references to the availability of a notification plan in relevant Forestry Corporation publications.

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## 7 FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

- 7.1 The Forestry Corporation Notification Plan will be reviewed as required, e.g. when the relevant legislation is revised or replaced, when pesticide application practices change, or when risk assessments reveal an increased exposure risk to the public. The review process will include an assessment of the operation of the current notification plan including whether the plan has met:
- the objectives of the legislation
  - the operational needs of Forestry Corporation in respect of pesticide application.
- 7.2 The review report will also include a statement as to whether the Forestry Corporation will amend the current notification plan or prepare a new plan and whether the Forestry Corporation considers that any proposed amendments are of sufficient substance to warrant further public consultation.

## 8 CONTACT DETAILS

- 8.1 Anyone wishing to discuss the Forestry Corporation Notification Plan should contact:

The Compliance and Improvement Manager  
Softwood Plantations Division, Forestry Corporation  
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[cnr Panorama Ave & Browning Street, BATHURST 2795]

Phone: 02 6331 2044  
Fax: 02 6332 5528  
e-mail: [info@fcnsw.com.au](mailto:info@fcnsw.com.au)

- 8.2 Contacts for all the Forestry Corporation offices are available on our website:

[www.forestrycorporation.com.au](http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au)

- 8.3 For up to date information on pesticide notification in the Forestry Corporation go to the Pesticide Notification page on our website [www.forestrycorporation.com.au](http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au).

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## 9 APPENDICES

Appendix A Forestry Corporation - Public Places and Usage

Appendix B Notification Arrangements

Appendix C Template for notification adjacent to a sensitive area

## AMENDMENTS

First edition 2007

- Pesticide Regulation 2005 amended to require public authorities to have a Pesticide Use Notification Plan
- Forests NSW complied with this under the umbrella of NSW Department of Primary Industries.

2<sup>nd</sup> edition Oct 2012

- Developed standalone Pesticide Use Notification Plan based on Forestry Corporation corporatisation.

3<sup>rd</sup> edition March 2017

- Removal of signage templates, as these will be specified through signage guidelines
- Removal of references to retail nurseries and workshops as these are no longer operated by Forestry Corporation
- Acknowledgement that State forests are closed to the public from time to time
- Minor edits to reflect application across both operational Divisions.

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## Appendix A Forestry Corporation - Public Places and Usage

USER GROUPS	FREQUENCY OF USE	TYPES OF PESTICIDE USE
<p><b>Native and Planted forests – high public usage</b></p> <p>Includes planted and native forests with high public visitation, or where visiting is facilitated, such as recreation, picnic and camping areas. The areas classified as high public usage are listed at <a href="http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au">www.forestrycorporation.com.au</a></p>		
<p>Forests and associated areas are used by the general public including but not limited to – families, bushwalkers, campers, recreation groups, mountain bikers, dog walkers, recreational vehicle groups, recreational hunters, special interest groups, educational groups.</p>	<p>The frequency of use is highly variable and mostly seasonal and can vary from high to infrequent. The frequency of use generally decreases with distance from towns, villages, and residential areas.</p> <p>Forests closer to urban areas generally have higher usage on weekends than weekdays.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadacre selective and non-selective herbicides for weed control during plantation establishment</li> <li>• Spot sprayed selective and non-selective herbicides for noxious weed control</li> <li>• Spot and boom sprayed selective and non-selective herbicides for plantation maintenance operations</li> <li>• Spot sprayed herbicides for blackberry control</li> <li>• Spot and boom sprayed herbicides for vegetation control along access roads, parking areas and fire trails</li> <li>• Spot sprayed herbicides for maintenance around recreation and picnic areas</li> <li>• Vertebrate pest animal baits including fox and wild dog – mainly along road edges</li> <li>• Fumigants for rabbit control.</li> </ul>

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USER GROUPS	FREQUENCY OF USE	TYPES OF PESTICIDE USE
<p><b>Native and Planted forests – low public usage</b></p> <p>Includes production forests, access roads and fire trails with low public visitation.</p>		
<p>As for high public usage.</p>	<p>Low public usage forests are generally found in more remote areas where public usage is rare and infrequent.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As for high public usage.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cumberland State Forest</b></p> <p>Parking areas, access roads, adjacent outdoor areas, picnic and recreation areas, and associated facilities.</p>		
<p>The variety of activities and services provided through the Cumberland State Forest means that it is visited by a wide variety of groups including special interest and study groups, students, tourists and visitors attending meetings and conferences, along with staff members.</p>	<p>Frequency of use can be high, particularly amongst students and people seeking recreation opportunities.</p> <p>Access by tourists and visitors can be high on weekends and when special activities are underway.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot sprayed selective herbicides for vegetation control along access roads and parking areas</li> <li>• Spot sprayed insecticides for maintenance around recreation and picnic areas</li> <li>• Vertebrate pest animal baits for rabbit and fox control, and for rodent control.</li> </ul>

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USER GROUPS	FREQUENCY OF USE	TYPES OF PESTICIDE USE
<p>Picnic and recreation areas at these centres are mostly utilised by families.</p>	<p>Frequency of use can be high at weekends but generally low at other times.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ground sprayed herbicides for weed control in ovals and grassed recreation areas.</li> <li>• Ground sprayed insecticides for insect control in grassed recreation areas.</li> <li>• Spot sprayed selective herbicides for vegetation control along access roads and parking areas.</li> <li>• Spot sprayed insecticides for maintenance around recreation and picnic areas.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forestry Corporation operational and administration facilities</b></p> <p>Access road, visitors parking and adjacent outdoor areas at district and regional offices, workshops and depots.</p>		
<p>Offices are visited by a broad cross section of the community seeking information, publications or in some cases, participation in demonstrations or tours.</p> <p>Visitors include but are not limited to, families, bushwalkers, anglers, recreation groups, recreational vehicle groups, conservation hunters, special interest and study groups, students and primary producers.</p>	<p>Frequency of use is variable and generally decreases with distance from towns, villages, and residential areas.</p> <p>High seasonal usage by groups such as holiday anglers and bushwalkers is common where offices are near places of interest or popular tourist centres.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot sprayed herbicides for vegetation control around buildings, along access roads and parking areas</li> <li>• Vertebrate pest animal baits for rabbit and fox control and for rodent control</li> <li>• Spot sprayed insecticides and fungicides for garden maintenance</li> <li>• Spot sprayed insecticides for maintenance around outdoor areas including termite control.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forestry Corporation Production Nurseries</b></p>		
<p>Access to production nurseries are restricted to Forestry Corporation staff and companies (and their staff) engaged to service and or supply to and from the site.</p>	<p>The frequency of use (seasonal staff and suppliers to the site) is highly variable and mostly seasonal and can vary from high to infrequent.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot sprayed selective herbicides for weed control in the nursery grounds and along access roads and parking areas</li> <li>• Application of pesticides, fertilisers, insecticides and fungicides for maintenance of plant health.</li> </ul>

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USER GROUPS	FREQUENCY OF USE	TYPES OF PESTICIDE USE
<b>Forestry Corporation Seedling Holding Yards</b>		
Seedling holding yards are restricted to Forestry Corporation staff and companies (primarily planting contractors and their staff) engaged to service and or supply to and from the site.	Holding yards are for the temporary (up to 4 months) storage of seedlings during the planting season. Frequency of use is, therefore, seasonal, and varies from high to infrequent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot sprayed selective herbicides for weed control in the nursery grounds and along access roads and parking areas</li> <li>• Application of pesticides, fertilisers, insecticides and fungicides for maintenance of plant health.</li> </ul>
<b>Forestry Corporation Emergency Pesticide Application</b> Mainly ground application by Forestry Corporation staff and contractors at the site of pest/disease outbreaks and adjacent land.		
<p>Personnel trained in emergency management responses.</p> <p>Note: emergency response encompasses animal, plant and aquatic pests and diseases and environmental impacts</p>	As required by the incident and according to any conditions of use stipulated in the permit or label.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercially available products for treating particular pests and diseases may be applied as specified</li> <li>• Minor use or emergency use permits may be obtained from APVMA according to the demands of the incident and the availability of treatments.</li> </ul>

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## Appendix B Notification Arrangements

Native and Planted forests	
Forest areas with <b>low</b> public usage - ground application of herbicides or insecticides (except cut stump and/or basal bark applications)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesticide use signage will be placed at major public access points to the treatment area prior to application</li> <li>• Signage will remain in place for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period</li> <li>• Where a seasonal program of pesticide applications is planned across a region or district, a notice of intent to apply pesticides will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to the first planned pesticide application or quarterly where the programs are routine.</li> </ul>
Forest areas with <b>low</b> public usage - aerial application of herbicides or insecticides	<p>For aerial application of pesticides the following arrangements are additional to those that apply for ground application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbours occupying habitable dwellings adjacent to the application area to receive a pesticide usage notice by letter or personal contact at least 7 days prior to the anticipated date of pesticide application, subject to a reasonable attempt to identify or contact such neighbours</li> <li>• Access to all roads within the spray treatment area to be restricted* during aerial application and signage to be placed at all major public access points to the treatment area during the day prior to application. If deemed necessary, the Forest may be “Closed” to the public under Forestry Regulation 2012 – Clause 7.</li> <li>• Spraying will cease if anyone is detected approaching the treatment area during spraying</li> </ul> <p>*‘Restricted’ measures include barrier tape, warning signs or traffic control; dependent upon the intensity and nature of road usage anticipated at the time of pesticide application.</p>
Forest areas with <b>high</b> public usage - ground application of herbicides or insecticides (except cut stump and/or basal bark applications)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where a seasonal program or plantation re-establishment pesticide application is planned across a region or district, a notice of intent to apply pesticides will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to the first planned pesticide application or quarterly where the programs are routine</li> <li>• Pesticide use signage will be placed at major public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application</li> <li>• Spraying will target low usage times</li> <li>• Public access to the treated areas will be restricted</li> <li>• Signage will remain in place for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.</li> </ul>

<b>Native and Planted forests (continued)</b>	
Control of blackberry when fruiting or other edible fruit - ground application of herbicides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesticide use signage to be placed at all major public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application</li> <li>• Pesticide use signage to be supplemented with signage warning against picking and consumption of fruit</li> <li>• All signage to remain in place until all edible fruit has fallen or shriveled.</li> </ul>
Vertebrate pest control - application of baits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All statutory notification requirements detailed in Pesticide Control Orders for 1080 issued by the Environment and Protection Authority (EPA) will also be complied with.</li> </ul>
Application of fumigants for rabbit control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where a seasonal program of pesticide applications is planned across a region or district, a notice of intent to apply fumigants for rabbit control will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to the first planned pesticide application</li> <li>• Pesticide use signage to be placed at all major public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application</li> <li>• Signage to remain in place for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the fumigant, for that period.</li> </ul>

**Cumberland State Forest**

Parking areas, access roads, adjacent outdoor areas, picnic and recreation areas, and associated facilities.

<p>Vegetation control around buildings, along access roads and parking areas - spot sprayed herbicides</p> <p>Garden maintenance - spot sprayed insecticides and fungicides</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public access to the treatment area will be restricted during pesticide application. Appropriate portable signage will be placed at access points to the treatment area advising that full information on the pesticide application will be available from the Officer in Charge of the facility.</li></ul>
<p>Baits for rodent control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pesticide use signage will be placed at all public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application</li><li>• Signage to remain in place for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.</li></ul>
<p>Vertebrate pest animal baits for rabbit and fox control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where a seasonal program of baiting is planned for the facility, a notice of intent to apply vertebrate pest control baits will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to the first planned baiting</li><li>• All statutory notification requirements detailed on product labels or in Pesticide Control Orders issued by the EPA will also be complied with.</li></ul>
<p>Ground sprayed herbicides for weed control in picnic areas and along walking tracks</p> <p>Ground sprayed insecticides for insect control in recreation areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Permanent pesticide use signs are placed at the public access points to the State forest</li><li>• For spraying adjacent to walking tracks and access tracks, temporary signage will be placed at either end of the track to advise and restrict access to walkers</li><li>• Where picnic areas are being treated, the area will be closed off to the public in accordance with label directions</li><li>• For picnic areas, spraying is scheduled to occur at times of low visitation. Where they are being used for an event or large group, spraying will be postponed.</li></ul>

## Forestry Corporation - Operational and Administration Facilities

Access road, visitors parking and adjacent outdoor areas at offices, workshops and depots.

<p>Vegetation control around buildings, along access roads and parking areas - spot sprayed herbicides.</p> <p>Garden maintenance - spot sprayed insecticides and fungicides.</p> <p>Maintenance around outdoor areas including termite control - spot sprayed insecticides.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forestry Corporation will not provide prior notice of pesticide application in these circumstances (see 4.1)</li> <li>• Public access to the treatment area will be restricted during pesticide application. Appropriate portable signage will be placed at access points to the treatment area advising that full information on the pesticide application will be available from the Officer in Charge of the facility.</li> </ul>
<p>Baits for rodent control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesticide use signage will be placed at all public access points to the treatment area at least 48 hours prior to application</li> <li>• Signage to remain in place for at least 48 hours after the application ceases, or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.</li> </ul>
<p>Application of vertebrate pest baits for fox and rabbit control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where a seasonal program of baiting is planned for the facility, a notice of intent to apply vertebrate pest control baits will be published in the local press at least 7 days prior to the first planned baiting</li> <li>• All statutory notification requirements detailed on product labels or in Pesticide Control Orders issued by the EPA will also be complied with.</li> </ul>

## Forestry Corporation – Seedling holding yards

Mainly ground application by Forestry Corporation staff.

<p>Weed control in the holding yard</p> <p>Maintenance of plant health - application of insecticides and fungicides, insecticides and fungicides</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No pesticide will be applied in the holding yard if members of the public are present, or within the depot area</li> <li>• signage will advise the public that pesticides are in use on nursery stock and nominating a contact point for further inquiries</li> <li>• staff will respond to any reasonable request for information by providing the following details on any pesticide used within the past 48 hours:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the name of the pesticide(s) used;</li> <li>– the purpose for which it was used;</li> <li>– the date on which it was used;</li> <li>– any warnings regarding the handling of treated plants if such a warning is specified on the product label or APVMA Permit.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Forestry Corporation – Production Nurseries**

Weed control in the nursery grounds and along access roads and parking areas - spot sprayed selective herbicides.

Maintenance of plant health - application of insecticides and fungicides.

- No pesticide will be applied in the nurseries if members of the public are present
- Prominent signage will advise the public that pesticides are occasionally used on nursery stock and nominating a contact point for further inquiries
- Nursery staff will respond to any reasonable request for information by providing the following details on any pesticide used within the past 48 hours:
  - the name of the pesticide(s) used;
  - the purpose for which it was used;
  - the date on which it was used;
  - any warnings regarding the handling of treated plants if such a warning is specified on the product label or APVMA Permit.

**Forestry Corporation – Emergency Pesticide Application**

Mainly ground application by Forestry Corporation staff and contractors at the site of pest/disease outbreaks and adjacent land.

Application by hand held equipment as a spot spray over a relatively small area

- Emergency signage will be placed in the immediate vicinity of the treatment area (Appendix C)
- Signage will be maintained for at least 48 hours after the application ceases or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period.

Broader scale ground application or application by air

- Emergency signage will be placed on all major access roads to the treated area and maintained for at least 48 hours after the application ceases or where there is a specified re-entry period for the pesticide, for that period
- Where opportunity for sufficient notice occurs, public media will be used to provide notification, at least in general terms, that a pesticide application is proposed for a prescribed public place.

## Appendix C Template for notification adjacent to a sensitive area

### NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE

Issued to (name) \_\_\_\_\_

The following area

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

adjacent to (name and address of prescribed public place)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

will be treated with pesticide (specify product name and active ingredient)

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as part of Forestry Corporation's response to (specify emergency pest/disease outbreak or locust control)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

between the following dates \_\_\_\_\_

For further information (including a copy of the product label and SDS) contact (name & phone)

\_\_\_\_\_

Issuing officer (sign) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_