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Kia ora

I am writing in response to your official information request dated 5 May 2026 regarding herbicide use in public spaces. Our response is set out in two parts – the first being herbicide use in our roading network, and the second being herbicide use in our parks and reserves.

Roading Network

Our roading contractors use Granny Glyphosate herbicide on the urban and rural roading network for spraying street furniture, edge marker posts, bridge approaches, and signs. They also use it for spraying water tables and drains, noting if there is flowing water in the drain no chemicals are applied.

If there is a chance of rain they apply Silken as a rain fast.

For noxious weed control, such as blackberry, gorse, broom, wilding pines, they use MSF600 with Silken.

The frequency of the urban and rural road network spraying is twice each year across the District. The urban kerb and channels and footpaths are sprayed four times each year. The noxious weed spraying is once a year, and only part of the rural network is controlled.

Parks and Reserves

For parks and reserves, our maintenance contractors use two products - Roundup Ultramax and Glyphosate 360.

These products are typically applied in our cemeteries, berms, parks, reserves and carpark areas. The following sites have a regular schedule and spraying is actioned if required:

- Carnegie Building Garden
- Anderson Park – Sports Centre
- Stanley Street – Advertising Signs
- Upper Domain
- Waisplash Carpark

All other sites are monitored with spraying application noted in the grounds contractor monthly spray diary. Pest plant eradication monitoring frequency is bi-monthly, low toxicity weed spraying monitoring frequency is monthly and moss and lichen spraying is managed annually.

Policies and Guidelines for Herbicide Use

The following documents provide guidance / policies for pest plant control:

- TDC Omnibus Reserves Management Plan (RMP) - Weed and pest control (including spraying) is governed primarily through the Biodiversity policies (section 3.2.4), which require implementation of pest plant control programmes aligned with the Horizons Regional Pest Management Plan, along with associated legislative controls outside the RMP. You can view this Plan on our website here:
https://www.tararua.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/208109/Tararua-District-Council-Omnibus-Reserve-Management-Plan-2025.pdf
- Horizons Regional Council's 2017-2037 Regional Combined Pest Management Plan. You can view this Plan on the Horizons Regional Council website here:
<https://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/publications>

The TDC Omnibus Reserves Management Plan was adopted in 2025.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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From: Allie Dunn

Sent: Wednesday, 6 May 2026 7:50 am

To: [REDACTED]@nomoreglyphosate.nz>

Subject: CM: Acknowledgement: Request for Information under LGOIMA — Herbicide Use

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding herbicide use in public spaces.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 3 June 2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Ngā mihi



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From: [REDACTED]@nomoreglyphosate.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2026 9:34 am

To: Info - Tararua District Council <Info@TararuaDC.Govt.NZ>

Subject: Request for Information under LGOIMA — Herbicide Use

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Dear Tararua District Council,

I am writing to request information under LGOIMA regarding herbicide use in public spaces.

To keep this request focused, I am seeking information on the following:

1. What herbicide or weed control products are currently used in public spaces?
2. Where are these products typically applied, and how frequently are these areas treated?
3. What policies or guidelines govern herbicide use in public spaces?
4. When was the current approach to herbicide use in public spaces last formally reviewed?

If possible, I would appreciate receiving this information in electronic format.

If any part of this request is unclear or requires refinement, I am happy to clarify.

If there are any charges associated with fulfilling this request, please let me know in advance.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,



On behalf of No More Glyphosate NZ

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