

Q13: Pursuit of a 'Spray Free Village' encouraging purposeful reduction in spray use by contractors e.g. use only where absolutely appropriate (not in drains or near waterways); and requirement for signage when sprays are used

Agree

To keep a tidy village the use of glyphosate is necessary

I see some spraying as important to get rid of pest species that are invasive in the area. Just not near the waterways please.

I am not aware of a lot of sprays being used by contractors, except those treating the side of ditches and killing pampas grass

This should be pursued with great emphasis and energy. The health of all of us including our more vulnerable children are at stake.

Spray programs are designed to control perceived problems before they get out of control - Alternative solutions need to be shown to be as effective as the technology it replaces - Again, cost will be a factor the community will need to accept.

By NOW we do know far more about Round up and the long-lasting devastating effect it has on us. So for TCDC to still use tons of this toxic material is actually quite something.

organic is the way to go

I would support spray free when a better alternative is available. We don't want a scruffy village either.

Absolutely, steam spray is very effective.
I've had this experience for years in Ellerslie in the park and surrounding areas around Michael Park school (Steiner school).

Use high steam temperature weed control.. not glysohate.

Major health risk potential

Hysteria!

Explore the steam option for weed control

Which sprays?? Why only "contractors" ?? The public use herbicide sprays around private property and road verges like "Round Up" with no training, qualifications (from Grow Plus) or understanding of the chemical make up of the spray. Contractors should be certified by "Grow Plus".

I agree SH25 (NZTA) spraying is over the top but do not agree small scale herbicide spraying on private property, farmland and small subdivisions has a medium - high impact on the aquatic life within watercourses as long as the spray is not directly onto water or plants within water.

Agree "warning" signage should be displayed when contractors are spraying on public property (as we do).

If "sprays" are deterred then you need to provide alternatives as line trimming weeds would be expensive.

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Consider use of steam for weed control
Www.steamteam.co.nz

How else do you keep the place looking good?

We are spray free.
Signage is extremely important, also consultation with property owners especially those with organic covenants

Key to community health

yes and no, the weeds must be bought under control, and we have A LOT of them, alternatives...just cash really only obstacle to going organic

Not on areas where children play

Responsible limited use is fine. Spray free is impractical. We would we overrun with weeds and gorse in no time

The spraying that is done at present is disgraceful. Under and around trees in the reserves where kids and dogs play. Indiscriminate spraying of every white road marker along state highway- crazy.

Some sprays are needed to control certain species. We have 3 acres in native bush with a stream on our 10 acre block fenced off from stock but some sprays are needed to control weeds.

That all residents are informed of where and when spraying is to occur so that they may have a say ie object to having the verges on or adjacent to their properties sprayed

vitaly important!! I would like a total ban of spraying in the village area also as a protection for the people who are required to carry the spraying out.

It would be an amazing goal for Kuaotunu to be 'Spray Free' and fund alternative solutions

Also exploring the use of alternative sprays which are more environmentally friendly.

I think the scale of land must be factored into this decision as the way a quarter-acre section is managed is rather different to a 300 acre section. I would rather maintain the status of being a spray village to that of being full of pampas and kahili ginger and all the other things that grow so successfully here. You may also end up with a whole heap of [spray] back-packed vigilantes!

No more toxic spray.

Given our better appreciation of how important these areas are to the overall ecology.

To be frank. It pisses me off that we as a collective group of supposedly intelligent people still think it's ik and there is nothing wrong with the stuff..
DDT Was fine for a long time too... Shall we wait for even more evident to prove yet again how harmful the stuff is to humans and non human life.. I think not..

It would be great to see 'Roundup' not used if alternative options available.
