



KooyongKoot Alliance Position Statement Use of Herbicides

The KooyongKoot Alliance recognizes the importance of maintaining the health and integrity of the Gardiners Creek Catchment. As such, we have developed a policy statement on the use of herbicides within this area.

The Kooyongkoot Alliance recognizes that herbicides such as Glyphosate are widely used and can be effective in controlling weeds and maintaining the health of the landscape. However, we also acknowledge that there are potential risks associated with the use of herbicides, including impacts on human health, wildlife, and the environment.

Therefore, the Kooyongkoot Alliance supports responsible use of herbicides within the Gardiners Creek Catchment, such that any use of herbicides must be undertaken in accordance with relevant regulations and best practice guidelines, and with consideration for the potential impacts on human health, wildlife, and the environment.

Specifically, the Kooyongkoot Alliance advocates for the following:

- Herbicides should only be used as a last resort when alternative weed control methods have been considered and found to be ineffective or impractical.
- Herbicides should only be used in accordance with relevant regulations and best practice guidelines, including those established by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority ([APVMA](#)).
- Herbicides should ideally not be used in areas of high ecological sensitivity, including in and around waterways (ideally not within 5 meters), wetlands, and other areas of high biodiversity value; this is particularly the case for a herbicide such as Glyphosate
- Prior to any use of herbicide, a risk assessment should be undertaken to identify potential risks and to develop appropriate risk management strategies.
- Herbicides should only be applied by suitably qualified personnel.
- Regular monitoring should be undertaken to ensure that herbicide use is having the desired effect and that any unintended impacts are detected and addressed promptly.

The Kooyongkoot Alliance supports ongoing research into the potential impacts of herbicides on human health and the environment and will update its policy accordingly based on the latest scientific evidence.

By adopting this policy, the Kooyongkoot Alliance is committed to promoting the responsible use of herbicides within the Gardiners Creek Catchment, and to protecting the health and integrity of this important landscape.