



**Far North
District Council**



TŪHONOTANGA MINITI ATTACHMENTS MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

14 November 2024

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Deputation from Hokianga Environmental Group to Far North District Council on Thursday 14th November 2024

Subject: Roadside and amenities management using glyphosate (round up) and other chemical herbicides

Request to FNDC

- *That council undertake a 12 month trial of increased mowing instead of glyphosate spray in Rawene from the Rawene junction into and including the township.*
- *That the trial is undertaken with community representation with the purpose of determining what would be needed to meet the weed management requirements using mostly mechanical methods that are not detrimental to either human health or the environment, with a view to implementing this around Hokianga and the rest of Far North District.*
- *That the trial include roadsides, footpaths and other amenity areas that are the responsibility of FNDC and that the departments responsible for these different functions liaise and co-operate for the trial.*
- *Our understanding is that a trial would cost around \$9,500*

Background:

- Many people from across the Far North District, including many tangata whenua, are concerned about the impact of toxic herbicides on both human health and the environment. This is not just a concern around Rawene as has been suggested but also across the Far North as evidenced by another group speaking to this topic today.
- That Rawene wants to be Spray Free is in the Community Plan.
- Hokianga Environmental Group has tried previously to address this with council, most recently when the Hokianga (No) Spray group was established back in 2021. This group, made up of Community Board and Community members, did not manage to achieve our desired outcome of a trial but we want to work positively with council to finish this project.

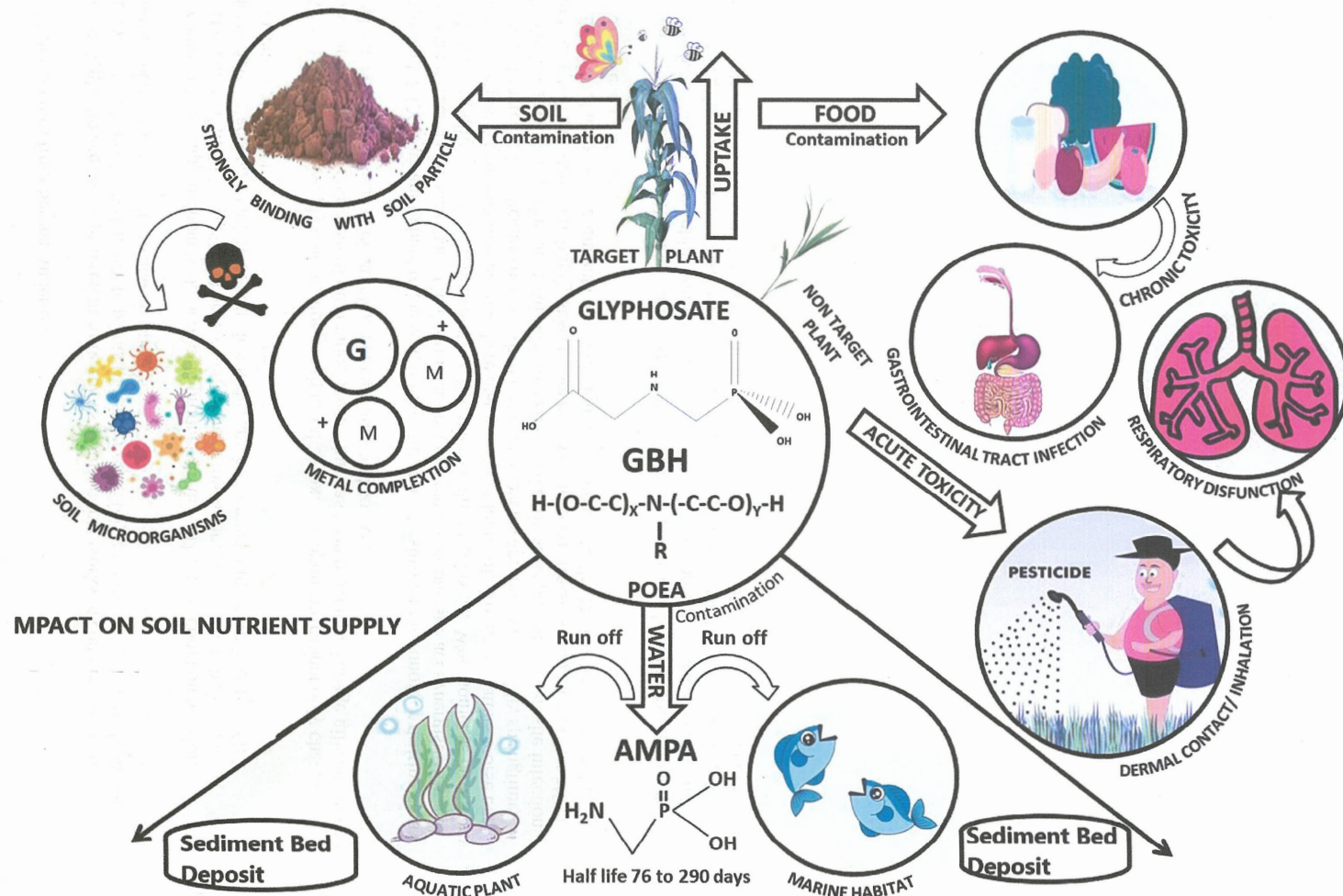
Concerns:

We have two main areas of concern about the current, glyphosate based, weed management approach:

1. The impact of glyphosate on human health
2. The impact of glyphosate on the environment particularly soil life and aquatic life

1. The impact of glyphosate on human health

- There is strong evidence that glyphosate is carcinogenic to humans and is also an endocrine disruptor and has other health implications.
- In the US there is a lawsuit against Monsanto who produce Roundup for the cancer it has caused. To date Monsanto have settled (often before trial) in around 100,000 lawsuits and around 54,000 lawsuits remain with new cases still being filed. In October 2024, in [one case](#), Monsanto had to pay \$3 million in compensation and \$75 million in damages.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that out of 2,310 urine samples, taken from a group of Americans intended to be representative of the US population, 1,885 were laced with detectable traces of glyphosate.





Deputation from PSNA Bay of Islands and Hokianga to Far North District Council on Thursday 14th November 2024

1. Proposed Resolution to implement UNSC 2334

“That Far North District Council supports Aotearoa New Zealand government policy, as expressed through United Nations Security Council resolution 2334, and will decline to purchase goods and services from companies identified by the United Nations Human Rights Council as being involved in the building or maintenance of illegal Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land”

Background

In December 2016 the United Nations Security Council passed resolution 2334 (UNSC2334).

This resolution was co-sponsored by the New Zealand government under National Party leadership with Bill English as Prime Minister and Murray McCully as Foreign Minister. Through this resolution the United Nations Security Council states that, in the occupied Palestinian territories, Israeli settlements had “**no legal validity**” and constituted “**a flagrant violation under international law**”. It said they were a “**major obstacle to the achievement of the two-state solution and a just, lasting and comprehensive peace**” in the Middle East. The full text of UNSC2334 is included as an appendix to this letter.

We are asking Far North District Council to take steps to implement UNSC2334 and in particular paragraph 5 which states:

5. *Calls* upon all States, bearing in mind paragraph 1 of this resolution, to distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967;



Member Report

Name: Cr Rākena

Ward: Ngā Tai o Tokerau

Date: 2nd Oct – 1st Nov, 2024

Meetings Attended

Please note that this report may not include all events, as some may be unscheduled or incidental. Such kaupapa may include radio interviews, Council-related discussions with community members, follow-ups on emails, and impromptu meetings with staff and elected members.

Date	Meeting Topic	Brief Summary
2 nd Oct	Te Pātukurea Kerikeri Waipapa Spatial Plan - Infrastructure Assessments of Growth Scenarios	Review of the infrastructure needs for various growth scenarios in Kerikeri and Waipapa, helping assess potential impacts on services, housing, and transport systems. This planning is crucial for managing sustainable growth in these areas.
3rd Oct	Te Huia - Executive Review Committee	Executive review meeting focused on evaluating leadership performance and organisational objectives within Te Huia framework.
3rd Oct	Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward Councillors / Te Kuaka Coordinator Monthly Hui	Monthly coordination meeting between Māori Ward Councillors and Te Kuaka Coordinator, covering current initiatives and coordination efforts for Māori wards.
8th Oct	Māori Wards Hui	Deliberation on issues, opportunities, and challenges facing Māori wards, aiming to support effective representation and governance for Māori communities.
9th Oct	Far North District Council Procurement & Tender Panel Re-set	Panel re-evaluation of procurement and tender processes to align with current needs and enhance transparency and efficiency.



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9th Oct	Working with Staff - Relationship and Process Improvement Workshop	Workshop designed to strengthen relationships and improve collaborative processes between staff and elected members for better outcomes.
12th Oct	North Hokianga Working Group Meeting	Meeting with North Hokianga Working Group to discuss local initiatives and address pressing issues specific to the North Hokianga community.
21st Oct	Comms & Engagement Portfolio Monthly Catch-Up	Monthly update on the Communications & Engagement portfolio, reviewing current projects, timelines, and community feedback mechanisms.
23rd Oct	Te Miromiro Assurance, Risk and Finance Committee Meeting	Oversight meeting focusing on assurance, risk assessment, and financial accountability within the Council's projects and initiatives.
24th Oct	Kaikohe District Sports Monthly Meeting	Monthly session with Kaikohe District Sports, covering sports development, community engagement, and upcoming events in the district.
29th Oct	Te Koukou Transport and Infrastructure Committee Meeting	Committee meeting to discuss transport and infrastructure needs, ongoing projects, and areas for improvement in local infrastructure.
29th Oct	Extraordinary Te Miromiro Subcommittee Meeting - Adoption of Annual Report and Auditors Report	Special meeting for the formal adoption of the Annual Report and Auditors Report, ensuring transparency and accountability in the year's activities.
29th Oct	Te Koukou Transport and Infrastructure Committee Workshop	Workshop to dive deeper into transportation and infrastructure topics, exploring future projects, and examining logistics and budget considerations.
31st Oct	Nā Wai i Teka Filming - Season 4, Episode 1	First filming session for the new season of <i>Nā Wai i Teka</i> , focusing on the series' new narratives and episode content.
31st Oct	Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting	Committee meeting focusing on Māori perspectives, issues, and opportunities,

My concern with the hybrid work model is how do we maintain teamwork, is there an increased likelihood of creating silos.

To achieve the work program, we need great teamwork, and we must demolish any silos that may influence delivery outcomes.

I realise there is very good technology available that can monitor computer work in a hybrid work model, number of key strokes, programs used, time at the computer through facial recognition, GPS monitoring of staff and vehicles for health and safety reasons, etc

An old boss told me many years ago, in regard to delivery and having an outcome focus;
high performance is not your base minimum,
it is delivering above and beyond your contract and job description every day,
you are paid to perform the job and deliver outcomes 5 days/week, 8 hours/day,
do the basics well,
keep in touch with clients, contractors and friends
keep the back gate shut i.e. don't lose any business or ground by slacking off,
be prompt in responding to clients, work colleagues or contractor queries
be tidy, iron your shirt, clean your car, clean your boots
be courteous and polite -every interaction either is or could be a client
listen, no one has the ideas market cornered
communicate with the team
work hard
have fun

I believe that our staff, contractors and governance can work as an effective team to deliver the work program for our ratepayers and community, to achieve the desired outcome of completing the full program of works planned in the LTP and Annual plan with no Carry forwards.