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## LGOIMA

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<b>Request from:</b>	Students for Sensible Drug Policy
<b>Information requested:</b>	Information regarding agricultural sprays on foraging areas
<b>Response by:</b>	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

16 May 2023

Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Via Email: [newzealand@chapters.ssdp.org](mailto:newzealand@chapters.ssdp.org)

Dear

**Official information request for information regarding agricultural sprays to foraging areas**

I refer to your official information request dated 10 May 2023 for information regarding agricultural sprays to foraging areas.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. What chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fungicides etc) does the council apply to areas of wood chip or bark mulch on council owned and/or operated parks, recreational areas and reserves (any public areas where people may be foraging for mushrooms?)**

No chemicals are applied to any woodchip or bark on council owned parks and reserves.

- 2. What chemicals pesticides, herbicides, fungicides etc) does the council apply to grass areas on council owned and/or operated parks, recreational areas and reserves (any public areas where people may be foraging for mushrooms?)**

Glysophate is used in the cemeteries and on some walking tracks where the plant growth warrants it. We do not spray in areas where people would harvest mushrooms. On occasion, Tordon is used on cemetery boundaries to inhibit the growth of gorse and blackberry.

- 3. What steps are undertaken to notify the public about areas that have been sprayed?**

At the time of spraying, all access points have signs erected to notify the public that spraying is taking place.

- 4. Does the council spray any areas as a response to the growth of illegal (psilocybin containing) mushrooms?**

We do not spray any area as a response to the growth of mushrooms.

Mainly the cemetery areas are what is sprayed, to control weeds.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at [LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

**Simon Bastion** | Chief Executive

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