

**Kingborough Community Forum
GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 24 September 2022

10.00am - 12.30pm

Council Chambers – Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston

MINUTES

Attendees

John Maynard	Blackmans Bay Community Association
Mike Jackson	Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association (CALSCA)
Di Carter	Howden Progress Association
Peter Laud	Kettering Community Association
Chris Ireland	Kettering Community Association
Roland Painter	Kingborough Landcare Advisory Group
Felicity Smart	Margate Hills Community Association
John Reeve	South Channel Ratepayers Association (Observer)
Jill Hickie	Taroona Community Association
Mike Brough	Chair (Friends of Longley Area Group)
Nick Booth	Deputy Chair (Friends of Longley Area Group)
Council Officers:	
Daniel Smee	Director Governance, Recreation and Property Services
Dr. Samantha Fox	Director Environment, Development and Community Services
Rene Raichert	Biodiversity Project Officer
Bianca Kleine	Communications and Engagement Support Officer
Mayor Councillor Paula Wriedt	Councillors
Councillor Gideon Cordover	
Councillor Amanda Midgley	
Councillor Flora Fox	
Councillor Steve Wass	

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all participants and expressed thanks to the outgoing chair Chris Ireland and deputy chair Jill Hickie and congratulated Dr Sam Fox on the appointment as Director Environment, Development and Community Services.

2. Apologies:

Kate Lucas & David Bonny

Coningham & Lower Snug Comm. Association

3. Confirm Minutes of the Kingborough Community Forum 16 July 2022

Correction to be made regarding the Friends of Longley Area report – the issues about parking at Matthews Road have not been resolved. Parking issues were partly addressed by Council, however it is an ongoing issue that residents are working on with Council.

4. Business/Actions from the Last Meeting

List of actions and responses acknowledged

5. Draft Terms of Reference (moved from AGM)

It was suggested to amend the first dot point of Item 1. of the Draft Terms of Reference to add the words 'and discussion' to the paragraph as follows:

- Has been established as an avenue for effective and open communication **and discussion** between Council and the community on matters of significance to the community.

Above was adopted by the group and moved by Jill Hickie and seconded by Nick Booth.

6. Reports from each Community Organisation

Note: Not all reports were received on time, outstanding replies to be provided prior the December meeting

TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- Jill Hickie stepped down from the role of president of the Taroona Community Association. A new representative for the forum is to be nominated.
- Louisa Hinsby Park upgrade works - working closely with Council's Urban Design Officer, hoping to launch in late November.
- Update on IMAS development – application has been lodged. No plans were changed to address TCA's concerns, including the removal of trees. TCA is planning to lodge a representation.

SOUTH CHANNEL RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- John Reeves will no longer represent the group in future meetings and will advise who will step into his role.
- Refer to report:
 - flooding issues at McDowall Street are on list for further investigation,
 - Middleton and Gordon toilets to be inspected by building maintenance team.

CALSCA

A question was raised about regulations regarding trees that overgrow properties from Council land and to what degree owners can remove vegetation. Council will follow up with the relevant officer.

The group had a couple of working bees. The re-planting on the main beach is taking well.

FRIENDS OF LONGLEY

Refer to report

HOWDEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Refer to report

- Di Carter stepped down from the role of Chair. The next Howden Progress Association meeting will be held on 12 October. A new representative for this forum will be nominated during this meeting.
- Road safety survey has a pleasing number of responses, and the group is working on presenting this information to Council with suggested safety improvements for Howden.
- Meet the Candidates forum will be held at the Community Hub on 2 October. John Maynard to circulate the information to the group. There will be also a Meet the Candidates forum on 5 October in Taroona. Information to be shared with Forum participants.

MARGATE HILLS COMMUNITY GROUP

- Weeds – Spanish Heath is spreading quickly around Van Morey Road and Gorse is spreading specifically on one property.
 - Group is seeking advice from Council on a possible working bee to remove Spanish Heath.
- Road condition – follow up requested on what can be done about 4WD drivers using the area at the end of Van Morey Road. Concerns about potential accidents have been raised.

BLACKMANS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Refer to report

- John Maynard noted he will step down from the position of Secretary BBKA. A new forum representative will be discussed at the next BBKA AGM.
- Comment on Customer Service / works depot – when inquiries are lodged online, an acknowledgement is received. It was noted that responses from responsible officers are very variable. It was also noted that email correspondence is currently not listed in the customer service charter.

Council reply: Email is considered as written content and so is referenced in the charter. Acknowledged that it is challenge for the organisation to adhere to the timeframes. Management is aware of the issue of above and it is on the Executive agenda for discussion.

KINGBOROUGH LANDCARE ADVISORY GROUP

Roland Painter attended this meeting as the new president of KLAG and was welcomed to the forum.

KETTERING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- Ferry noise is still and ongoing issue, EPA carried out testing, no testing results received.
- Net Zero Channel Group had an event in Snug last month with demonstration of electric cars, more than 450 people attended. Event to be held again next year.
- Conversation was held with Senior Roads Engineer regarding volunteer labour. Due to legislation, volunteers are not permitted do to works on roads.

Morning Tea Break (10.30am – 11am)

7. Presentation Rene Raichert, Biodiversity Project Officer on weed management

Refer to attached PowerPoint presentation

Key discussion points:

- Kingborough Council has two weed officers who are supervised by the Biodiversity Project Officer.
- This year, Council has funded a chemical review across Council. The team is always striving to use the least harmful chemicals to the environment, the users and the public as possible, based on the latest research, including organic contact herbicides.
- Examples for high priority weeds (zone A weeds): serrated tussock, pampas grass, bridal creeper, Paterson's curse, white weed.
- Zoning changes for each municipality and every individual Statutory Weed Management Plan lists which municipalities are Zone A or Zone B for that particular species. The easiest way to view our Zone A, Zone B and other high priority species lists is to refer to our Weed Management Strategy and Action Plan Kingborough Municipal Area, which is available on our web page. <https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/services/20844-2/weeds/>
- One of the priorities this year was treatment of serrated tussock on Bruny Island. Fonzie, the detector dog, has helped to successfully identify this weed.
- Spanish Heath on roadsides – last year's containment strategy identified 13 core infestation areas. Spanish Heath is a Zone B weed in Kingborough.
- Tinderbox has been chosen as the first area of the Spanish Heath containment strategy to implement.
- The team works with City of Hobart on an annual basis to target Orange Hawkweed.
- Radiata pines, like all weed species, are controlled on a prioritised basis, an example being those that were removed at Snug Beach.
- No spray register
 - To be renewed every two years to ensure owners want to be registered if property changes hands. The register is open every year.
 - Do residents have to clear their own verge? If property is on the no-spray register, owners have to clear their own verge.
- What does Council do about weeds on State Roads?
 - Council's team is in contact with the Department of State Growth's about their strategic weed management program. Council controls their high priority weeds for a fee and contract out low risk work. The Department of State Growth managed a significant amount of Spanish Heath along their road in targeted areas, such as Bruny Island. This work will continue and move into other areas as infestations are controlled.
- What are the legal ramifications if a group wants to put together a working bee to remove weeds on the road verges and where can we find information on different methods, e.g., what chemicals can be used, what time of the year?
 - Groups can do working bees on private land as the responsibility of weed management sits with the land owner.
 - On road reserve – as per Federal law you are considered to be a worker if you volunteer for a place conducting business, as our Landcare groups do, and need to show proof of relevant WH&S training, insurance and a traffic management plan. Neighbours helping each other do not fall under this same legislation.
 - The annual Clean up Australia Day gives an opportunity to register an organised group that is covered by insurance under the event.
 - More information on weeds can be found here: <https://nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/weeds>

Presentation noted, participants expressed their tanks to Rene Raichert.

8. Other Business

- It was noted that the Kingborough Community directory does not exist anymore. To be followed up.
- Update on the LPS - the Commission has provided some commentary; Council is not in the position to advise a time frame at this stage and will come to this group once Council is ready for public consultation.

9. Date of next meeting – 3 December at 9.30am.

10. Dates to be set for 2023 and be provided at the next meeting

Meeting close at 12pm

List of Actions

WHAT	WHO
Correction to be made regarding the Friends of Longley Area report – the issues about parking at Matthews Road have not been resolved. Parking issues were partly addressed by Council, however it is an ongoing issue that residents are working on with Council.	Bianca Kleine
Draft Terms of Reference – item 6. Jill Hickie to circulate Terms of Reference to the group once finalised.	Jill Hickie
CALSCA – a question was raised about regulations regarding trees that overgrow properties from Council land and to what degree the owners can remove vegetation?	Nicholas Alexander:
Meet the Candidates forum will be held at the Community Hub on 2 October. John Maynard to circulate the information to the group. There will also be a Meet the Candidates forum on 5 October in Tarooma. Information to be share with the Forum participants.	John Maynard Bianca Kleine
Association reports have been received, some on short notice.	Various
Request for explanation why Kingborough Community directory does not exist any more	
Local Provisions Schedule – provide update to the group once Council is in the position for public consultation.	Adriaan Stander
New forum representatives to be advised prior December meeting	Blackmans Bay Community Association, Tarooma Residents Association, Howden Progress Association & South Channel Ratepayers & Residents Association
Dates to be set for 2023 and be provided at the next meeting	

Attachments:

- PowerPoint Presentation – Roadside Weed Control – Rene Raichert, Biodiversity Officer
- Consolidated reports September 2022

CONSOLIDATED REPORTS SEPTEMBER 2022

Meeting date	24 Sept 2022 (received 13 September)		
Name of community organisation	South Channel Ratepayers		
Name of representative attending meeting	John Reeves		
Contact Information	0478 609 046		
Major works priorities (e.g. roads)	<p>Stormwater – McDowall St – Middleton The culverts on the western side of the channel Highway overflowed in the recent rains and flooded into buildings that are adjacent to the street</p> <p>Flooding issue has been reported and is on the list for further investigation.</p>		
Minor works priorities (e.g. footpaths)	<p>Toilets – Middleton boat ramp & Gordon Camping Ground The toilet has poor drainage and smells badly, the toilets at Gordon are poorly cleaned of late.</p> <p>Forwarded to building maintenance to inspect and take action</p>		
Natural Resource Management priorities (e.g. reserves, weeds)			
Summary of main issue/s raised by Local Residents	Above issues raised by concerned residents.		
Update on community activities			
Issues for consideration		Outcomes	Completion Date
Upcoming Events			

Meeting date	24 September 2022 (received 14 September)
Name of community organisation	Howden Progress Association
Name of representative attending meeting	Di Carter, Chair
Contact Information	0417 372 233 dimarycarter@gmail.com howdenprogressassoc@gmail.com
Major works priorities (e.g. roads)	The not level LHS 3m part of Brightwater Rd before the Olearia turnoff as you travel to Blackmans Bay is yet again causing unsafe passage for road users. It is suggested that more substantial foundations could solve the problem longer term. Above has been reported and is on the list for further investigation.
Minor works priorities (e.g. footpaths)	
Natural Resource Management priorities (e.g. reserves, weeds)	Spanish heath and blackberry bushes are in the old quarry at the Tinderbox Brightwater Rds junction. Is there anything that can be done to resolve this issue? The Spanish heath in the old quarry is likely to be controlled in the next six months as part of a broader plan to manage the Spanish heath on roadsides in Tinderbox. The blackberry and other environmental weeds are not a strategic priority for Council in this location. This site is a small parcel of land compared to many of our large bushland reserves which protect higher conservation values such as threatened species and threatened ecological communities. To ensure we are working strategically and tackling the most threatened ecological values, Council allocates resources in a prioritised way and cannot unfortunately manage every parcel of land we own. Staff will survey the site and assess whether it would be suitable for a community working bee in the future.
Summary of main issue/s raised by Local Residents	81 road safety surveys for Howden have been received and are being inputted to an excel spreadsheet. A summary of the results will be delivered at this meeting.

Update on community activities	<p>The Meet the Candidates event on 2 October at the Kingborough hub, being led by BBKA, is being supported by HPA, TCA and KCA. We see this as a good opportunity to listen to the candidates for the local general election in October 2022 – especially important as voting is now compulsory.</p> <p>A quiz night is being planned for 4 November at the NW Bay Golf Club (yet to be confirmed).</p> <p>A phone tree is desired for Howden residents and the HPA committee are endeavouring to further this initiative, based on the Gordon/Middleton phone tree set up last year.</p>		
Issues for consideration That the road survey results can inform Council staff about ways to improve road safety for all users in Howden.		Outcomes Completion of a central white line along Brightwater through to Howden Rd to the Channel Highway. Signage for road users' attention to wildlife, cyclists and pedestrians	Completion Date 2023 2023
Upcoming Events	<p>The HPA AGM and General Meeting will be held on 12 October at Howden Hall at 7pm. A request has been submitted to Kingborough Council for the supply of a staffer (Kaylene?) to talk about the cat management program for half an hour.</p> <p>Liz Quinn has been in contact about a speaker for HPA's AGM</p>		

Meeting date	24 September 2022 (received 19 September)
Name of community organisation	Friends of Longley-Area Group
Name of representative attending meeting	Mike Brough Nick Booth
Contact Information	0418 135 790 broughmj@gmail.com
Major works priorities (e.g. roads)	
Minor works priorities (e.g. footpaths)	Leslie Road (Huon Highway-Huon Road) Recreational Pathway - Feasibility Study and Costing Officer is in the process of reviewing pricing to engage a landscape architect firm to review the Longley Reserves Masterplan.
Natural Resource Management priorities (e.g. reserves, weeds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longley Reserves Recreational Master Plan update • NW Bay River Action Plan implementation • Local weed control – foxglove and Spanish heath • Revegetation – Longley Park, Longley recreation ground
Summary of main issue/s raised by Local Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longley Park – further flood damage; further repair required; need to consider flood mitigation measures • Longley waterhole parking – while Council has taken some measures to deter illegal parking, residents report that the issue remains • Derelict/abandoned property Sandfly Road – still to further discuss with Council • Foxglove spread/control
Update on community activities	Revegetation program for 2022 completed with three planting days focussing on Longley Park and Longley recreation ground undertaken
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial planning has commenced for a second <i>Picnic in the Park</i> community event – likely to be held in Autumn 2023. • Further revegetation work will be conducted in 2023 • Foxglove control working bees are planned for Spring 2022

Meeting date	24 September 2022 (received 20 September)
Name of community organisation	Margate Hills Community Group
Name of representative attending meeting	Felicity Smart
Contact Information	0426 768 456
Major works priorities (e.g. roads)	Ongoing issues on Van Morey Road, particularly off-roading between 615 and 670
Minor works priorities (e.g. footpaths)	
Natural Resource Management priorities (e.g. reserves, weeds)	Devastating spread of Spanish Heath, throughout Kingborough but particularly along lower parts (so far) of Van Morey Road. Discussed during weeds presentation at the Forum on 24 September
Summary of main issue/s raised by Local Residents	There has been discussion with regard to working bees to deal with Spanish Heath. If Council does not have resources to deal with it can they at least provide advice to groups willing to put in their own time? – Discussed during presentation
Update on community activities	Community road safety survey about to be circulated for input.

Meeting date	24 th September 2022 (received 20 September 22)
Name of community organisation	Blackmans Bay Community Association
Name of representative attending meeting	John Maynard (Secretary/Treasurer)
Contact Information	bbca7052@gmail.com 0408 140782
Major works priorities (e.g. roads)	
Minor works priorities (e.g. footpaths)	
Natural Resource Management priorities (e.g. reserves, weeds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apart from an acknowledgement, there is no formal response to "Report an Issue" items placed on KC's website. • Increasing concern about the amount of graffiti on public facilities & signs. • Concern that certain works need to be repaired/repeated because of insufficient engagement with local residents. • Greater communication between Blackmans Bay Landcare and KC to enable Council to collect & dispose of weeds & rubbish gathered after working bees and clean-ups.
Summary of main issue/s raised by Local Residents	<p><i>Positives:</i> The beach & foreshore, local shopping precinct, public facilities, walking tracks, bush reserves, treed neighbourhood & skyline.</p> <p><i>Negatives:</i> Traffic on the Southern Outlet; too much infill; development putting too much pressure on roads, parking & stormwater; poor access to shopping centre on Opal Drive; need more green streetscapes & wildlife corridors; erosion at Blackmans Bay beach; greater communication & engagement with KC's Works Department.</p>
Update on community activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A defibrillator is now positioned outside Jack Loves Red restaurant on Ocean Esplanade, Blackmans Bay. • A beach clean-up at Blackmans Bay beach on 2nd Jul. • A reserve clean-up at Mary Knoll Reserve on 3rd Sep. • Blackmans Bay Landcare has been very active in working with Council to plant new shrubs along the foreshore & in removing weeds and participating in local clean ups. • A survey of members in readiness to respond to the Kingborough Local Provisions Schedules when they are released for public comment.

<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBKA is hosting a “Meet the Candidates” public meeting at the Kingborough Community Hub on 2nd Oct from 2-4pm (with support from Tarooma Community Assoc, Howden Progress Assoc & Kingborough Ratepayers Assoc). • A crop swap at the community garden off Carinya Street on 15th Oct. • BBKA AGM at Blackmans Bay Community Hall on 31st Oct at 7.30pm.
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ROADSIDE WEED CONTROL

**Rene Raichert
Biodiversity Officer**

ABOUT US

Natural Areas Weed Team are

- Part of Natural Area's and Biodiversity Team
- Deliver Council's strategic weed program
 - Roadsides – Reserves – Bushland - Landcare
- Education and Enforcement
- First line of defence for new incursions
- Provide technical advice within Council – including chemicals
- Manage weed data



Prioritisation
& Strategies

Data/Knowledge

Technical
knowledge

No spray
register



Community

Legislation



**Weed Management Strategy and Action Plan
Kingborough Municipal Area
2017 - 2027**



"Working together to manage weeds in Kingborough"

kingborough.tas.gov.au

Civic Centre, 15 Channell Hwy, Kingborough, Tasmania 7250. Locked Bag 5, Kingborough, Tasmania 7250.
AusDial: 1300 785 411. Fax: 03 6211 8200. P: 03 6211 8211. E: info@kingborough.tas.gov.au

CAPACITY

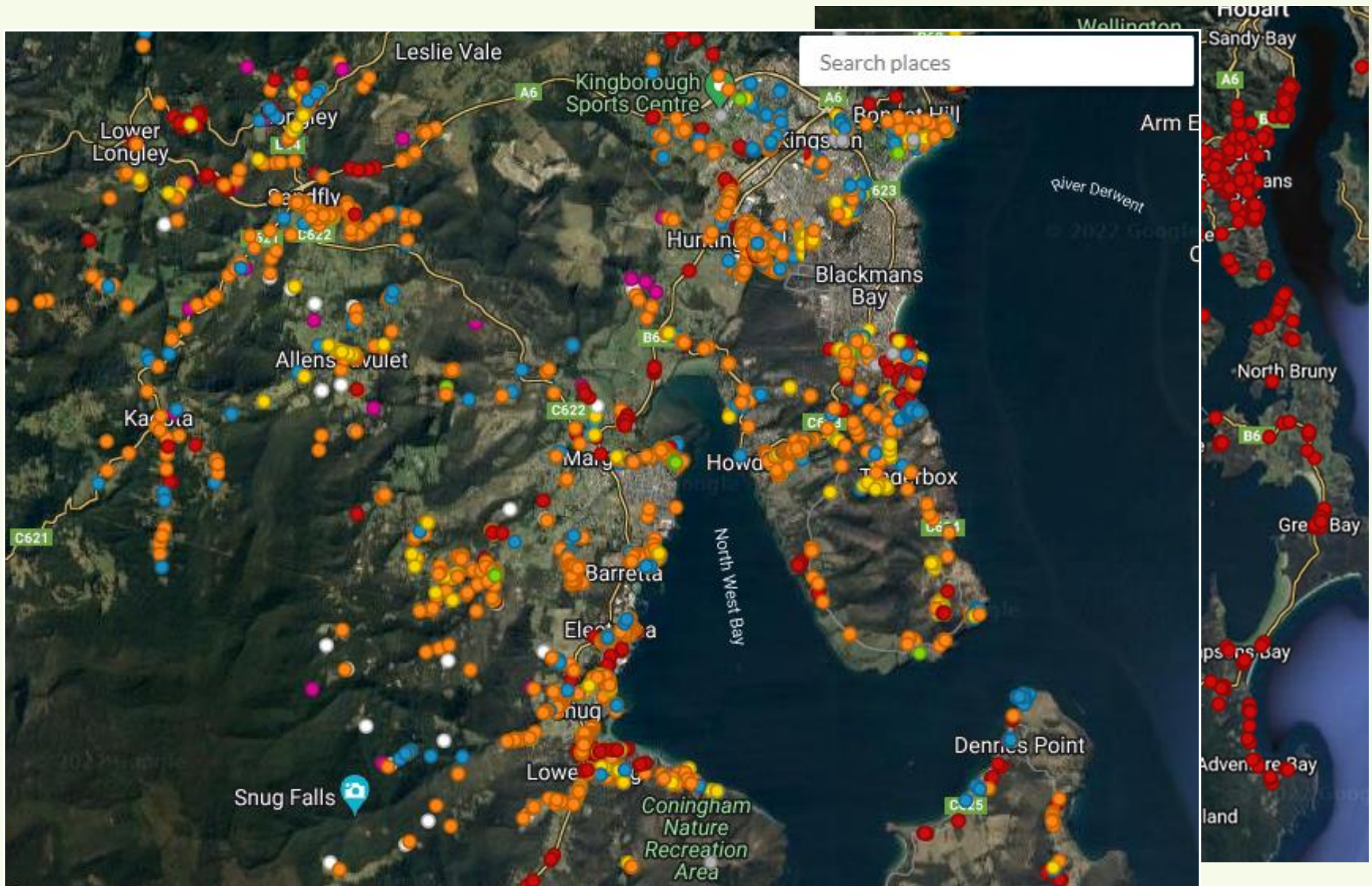
Weeds must be prioritised to ensure that the most efficient and effective weed control can be delivered within the available resourcing.

MULTIPLE PRIORITIES EXIST

Changes if viewing through the lens of roadsides, bushland reserves, zone A weeds, location.

LANDOWNER SUPPORT

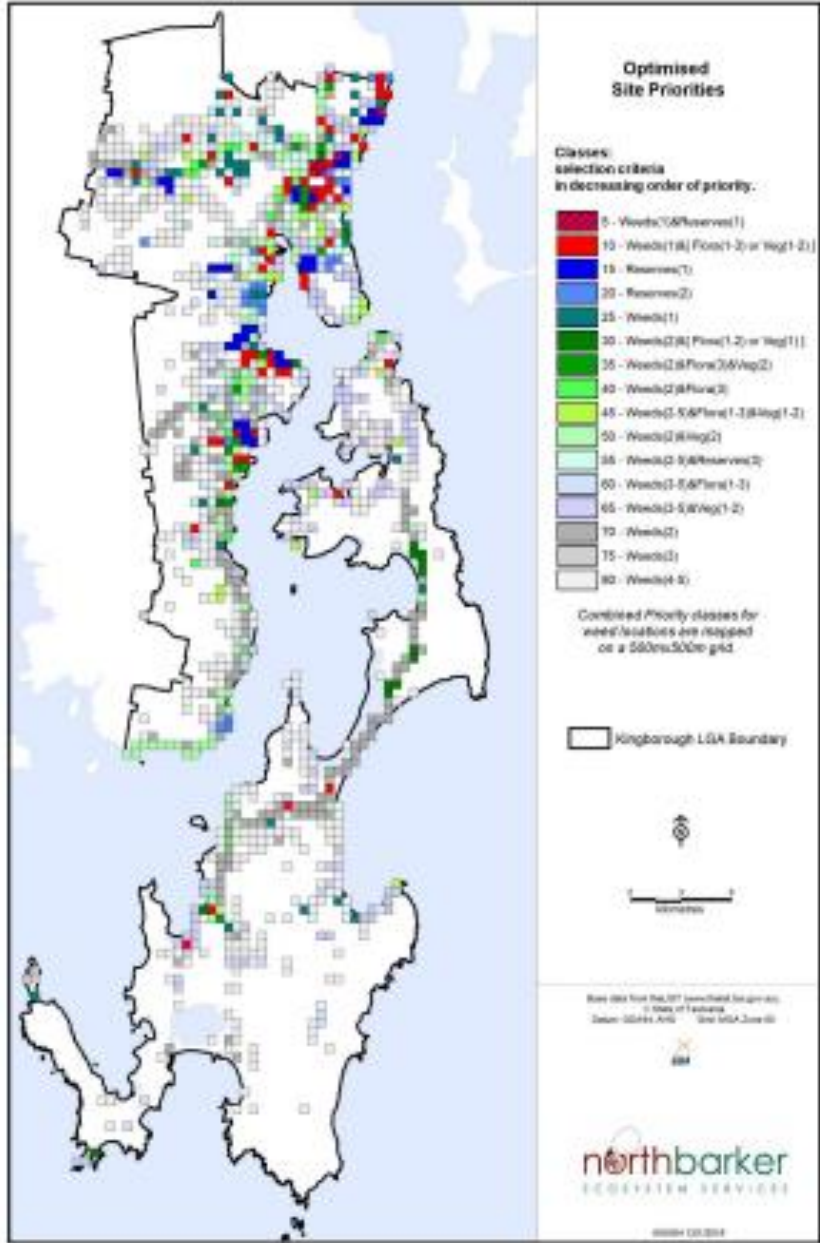
Try to support landowners AND meet our obligations all while maximising use of resources.



HOW DO WE PRIORITISE?

Weed threat	Likelihood of successful control				
	Unlikely	Low	Medium	High	Very High
Negligible	Limited Action	Limited Action	Limited Action	Limited Action	Monitor
Low	Limited Action	Limited Action	Limited Action	Monitor	Monitor/ protect priority sites
Medium	Manage sites	Manage sites	Manage sites	Protect priority sites	Contain spread
High	Manage weed	Manage weed	Protect priority sites	Contain spread	Local eradication
Very High	Manage weed	Monitor/ protect priority sites	Contain spread	Local eradication	Eradication

Table 4 - Weed threat versus Likelihood of success matrix.

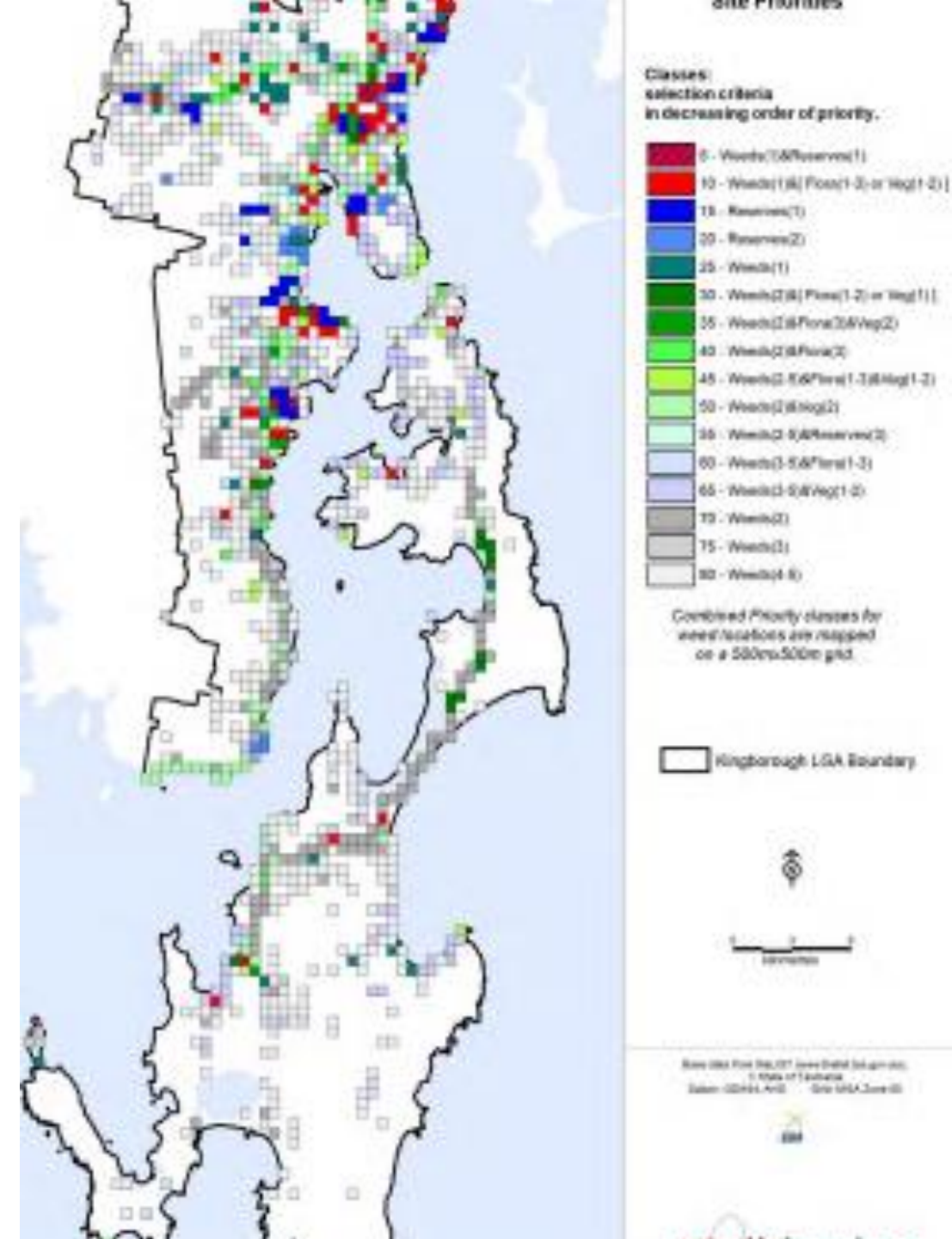


How we prioritise based on science

Based on prioritisation from weed strategy.

Then we mapped micro-catchments within the road networks. These represent one of the quickest ways for weeds to spread along roadsides.

We then intersected the above values with places of high natural values that would be threatened by weeds, for example, orchids, vegetation communities etc.



SPANISH HEATH PHASE 1

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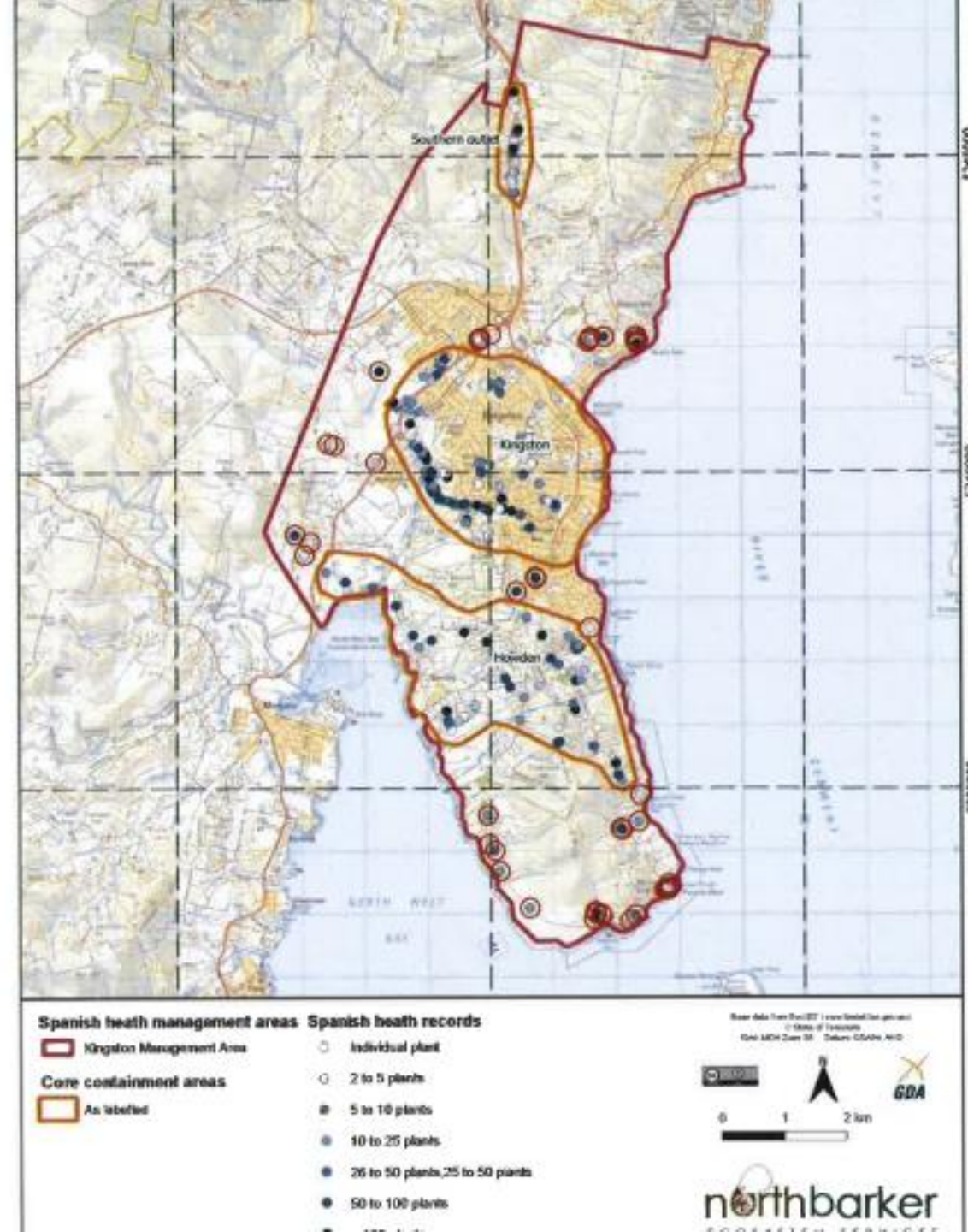
One road in – one road out

WASH DOWN

Limits the washdown
requirements in this first phase.

SIDE ROADS

Limited side roads means more
control over area.





NO SPRAY REGISTER

APPLICATION PERIOD

There is an annual application period for the No Spray Register.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

In completing the application, the applicant agrees to undertake vegetation management in accordance with Council's permit.

PERMIT DURATION

Permits will last for a duration of two years – or in other words, a landowners reapplies every two years.

NON-COMPLIANCE

In the event of non-compliance, the permit holder shall be advised in writing. Failure to maintain the area within the 21 days may result in Council undertaking any necessary spraying.



No Spray Register Application

To maintain roadside vegetation, Council undertakes a spraying program within both urban and rural areas of Kingborough, using Government approved herbicides. As part of the program, Council invites residents to apply for their property frontage to be added to the No Spray Register. Where Council approves a frontage for inclusion within the No Spray Register, it will be the applicant's responsibility to manage the roadside vegetation within the No Spray Zone, in accordance with the permit issued by Council. Residents will need to re-apply every at the end of every 2 year permit period by the application cut-off date where possible, some exemptions may be applicable. Please find current No Spray Register Guidelines on the Kingborough website at: <https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/forms/no-spray-register-applications/>

Where possible applications should be lodged prior to 31st of July on each respective year. The no spray register typically runs on a 2-year cycle within the permit period.

Application Details:

Contact Details:

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone (home)	Phone (mobile)
<input type="text"/>	
Email	

Postal Address:

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Street Address	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
City	State / Province / Region
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
ZIP / Postal Code	Country

Property address for application to No Spray Register

Same as Postal Address ☐

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No Spray Details:

Property ID (PID) No.
(This can be found on your rates notice)

Property Description
Please include details to help us correctly identify the property frontage for exclusion

Reason to be added to No Spray Register

Should you have supporting evidence to support your application, please include this with your application for the No Spray Register. This may include advice from your medical practitioner if the reason is on medical grounds. Failure to supply sufficient evidence or reason, may result in your application being refused or delayed until satisfactory evidence has been provided. You may only apply to be added to the Register for property frontage that you own.

↔ Property description

↔ Reason for no spray

No Spray Application Agreement

In making this application, I hereby acknowledge that should my application be approved, I declare I will be responsible for the maintenance of the vegetation along the road frontage in accordance with the permit and that failure to do so is likely to result in Council cancelling the No Spray Permit and resuming chemical spraying of the vegetation. I also acknowledge I will be required to make a further application should I wish to have the No Spray Permit extended beyond the permit date. I declare that I am the registered owner of the property for which the permit is being applied.

I Agree ☐

Name

Date

Signature

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THANK YOU

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