
**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 11 NOVEMBER 2020
QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE REPORT**

The following questions with notice have been received from Cr Hamilton: -

1. *What is Council's requirement for disposal of sewage from residential septic systems within our towns?*

Response from Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services

Businesses pumping and transporting sewerage from private sewer tanks are licenced by the Department of Fair Trading and the NSW EPA. Narromine Shire Council does not accept this septic waste effluent as our treatment plant and processes are not set up for this type of waste.

2. *Was Council advised by the EPA of a chemical pollution incident which impacted a public road within the shire on the 3rd August and what action has Council taken as a result of that report?*

Response from Director Governance

Council has not received notification of a pollution incident by the EPA.

3. *Have the potential health implications for Council outdoor staff involved in vegetation pruning/removal activities where defoliation/chemical damage is evident been notified to the relevant internal WHS committee?*

Response from Director Governance

Council staff are required to wear the appropriate PPE. In any event of an illness occurring through work practices, this would be reported to the Committee.

4. *Has the risk of inhalation of vegetation dusts potentially containing Diuron (and its constituent metabolites) for Council Staff involved in outdoor activities been communicated to the relevant WHS committee?*

Response from Director Governance

Council staff are required to wear the appropriate PPE depending on the tasks and duties they are carrying out.

5. *In the period from January 1st 2018 to now, has Council advised the EPA of all pollution events notified to it by the community?*

Response from Director Governance

Council's practice is to notify the EPA of pollution incidents.

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6. *What specific areas of the Narromine airfield are designated for the loading and unloading of agricultural chemicals into and from aircraft?*

Response from Director Governance

Council considered the lease of the Chemical Shed at its Ordinary Meeting held in July 2019. The terms of the lease agreement are currently being negotiated, however it is intended that the area leased will incorporate the shed, a small area surrounding the shed and an area adjacent to where the water meter is installed.