

# Local Government Herbicide Use and Integrated Weed Management Working Group

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## Building the capacity of Local Government to implement accountable and effective weed control programs

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) is the peak industry body for Local Government in Western Australia. WALGA is an independent, membership-based organisation that represents and supports the interests of 139 Local Governments in WA.

Local Governments are committed to effective weed management, which includes the responsible use of chemicals such as herbicides. Local Governments in Western Australia endeavour to apply the principles of Integrated Weed Management, which involves the coordinated use of a variety of prevention, control and monitoring methods. This approach reduces reliance on herbicides alone and increases the chances of successful weed control or eradication.

WALGA convenes a Local Government Herbicide Use and Integrated Weed Management Working Group, which was established in 2020 in response to the needs of the sector. The purpose of the Working Group is to share information, address knowledge gaps and help Local Governments with making informed decisions on weed management approaches that are most suitable for their locality.

The Working Group includes representatives from 27 Local Governments from urban and regional areas across the State. Participation is open to all Local Governments.

Working Group shares information on the cost and effectiveness of chemical and non-chemical weed treatments, and participates in trials of new alternative technologies such as weed seeker technology and electric weed control. Local Governments endeavour to engage with local communities to consider their needs and expectations when developing weed management strategies, help increase the understanding of the legislative framework that regulates weed management and herbicide use, and provide education on the benefits and limitations of the different weed control methods available.

The Working Group engages with various stakeholder groups as required, including State Government, Regulatory Authorities, research organisations, NRM organisations, the development industry, and WALGA Preferred Suppliers that perform weed control services.

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