

Model Response to E-Questionnaire

You can complete the E-Questionnaire at www.cancergameplan.ca (click on 'Speak up' and then 'Answer the E-Questionnaire')

To help you complete the E-Questionnaire we have provided a model response to the questions below. This is a guide to assist you, but the more you can **personalize your comments**, the stronger your message will be. For example, if you are concerned about your children being exposed to pesticides in parks, share your story!

1) Are you responding on behalf of an organization?

No

1) Do you believe some uses of pesticides are solely cosmetic?

Yes

2) Do you support a ban on the sale and use of pesticides used solely for cosmetic purposes?

√Yes (proceed to question 3)

3) Why do you support a ban on the sale and use of pesticides, including those used solely for cosmetic purposes? Check one or more boxes.

√Pesticides are harmful to the environment

√Pesticides pose a risk to human health

√There are safer alternatives on the market

√To promote consumer safety

√Other

5) Which of the following outdoor areas should be included in a possible ban on the sale and use of pesticides, including those used for cosmetic purposes? Check one or more boxes.

√Lawns

√Private gardens

√Public landscaped areas

√Playing fields

√Areas adjacent to schools and childcare facilities

√Other ***The 'cosmetic use of pesticides' are those pesticides used to improve the appearance of lawns, gardens, ornamental trees and shrubs, parks, sports fields, and other elements of landscaping such as controlling weeds between sidewalk cracks. The regulation should be comprehensive and prohibit the cosmetic use of pesticides on private and public lands, including municipal, residential, and commercial areas – in short, all nonagricultural landscaping. The regulation should also ban the sale of the products in question. Their use does not control pests that constitute a danger to human beings. Cosmetic pesticide use is non-essential and unnecessary.***

6) When deciding which pesticides to ban or restrict, what criteria should be used? Check one or more boxes.

√Specific active ingredients

√Specific pesticide products based on their use

√Specific pesticide products based on their concentration or package size

√Other – ***Please Specify: A combination of these approaches, together with a general prohibition on cosmetic pesticides, would be a good option.***

7) Which of the following business sectors should be exempt from a possible ban on the sale and use of pesticides, including those used for cosmetic purposes? Check one or more boxes.

√Agriculture industry

√Forestry industry

√Other ***Agricultural and forestry applications are beyond the scope of regulatory restrictions on the cosmetic use of pesticides. In these instances, I recommend the use of Integrated Pest Management practice. I also ask that the golf industry be given a three year phase out time for adaptation to new regulations. This will allow the golf industry the opportunity to shift to alternative products and practices which have been successful in other countries and in Canada.***

8) How could a ban on the cosmetic use of pesticides be best implemented? Check one or more boxes.

√Changes to current pesticide legislation and/or regulation

√ Other ***Provincial legislation should be accompanied by a strong public education program informing the public about the potential risks associated***

with chemical pesticide use, alternatives, and on how to safely dispose of unused pesticides.

9) In which cases do you consider the use of pesticides unnecessary? Check one or more boxes.

When used solely for cosmetic purposes on residential lawns and private gardens

When used solely for cosmetic purposes on playing fields, playgrounds, and other public landscaped areas

10) Which statement best describes your view?

Pesticides solely used for cosmetic purposes should be banned.

11) Additional Comments

I strongly believe that any new provincial restrictions on cosmetic pesticides should uphold a municipality's right to adopt and enforce additional restrictions or requirements regarding the cosmetic use of pesticides. I urge the BC government to move quickly with strong legislation - that meets or beats the strongest protections in place in other Canadian provinces – that is fully implemented in 2012.