



YOUNG SHIRE COUNCIL

**PESITICIDE RESIDUES – FORMER
ORCHARD LANDS
POLICY**

NO 46

DATE ADOPTED: 18/09/13

The testing of soil for pesticide residues is required for all lands identified as orchards in the Young Shire Council Orchard Land Plan (This plan was prepared with the assistance of former Department of Agriculture Fruit Officer, Geoff Cartwright, and it is supplemented with information obtained from aerial photographs dated 29 January 1969).

The owner or authorised agent shall engage a consultant recognised as being competent in the field of soil testing for pesticide residue to -

1. Prepare a protocol for soil testing analysis and reporting that is at least equivalent to the reports prepared and submitted to Council by Dames and Moore.
2. All sampling and analysis to be carried out in accordance with the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for the assessment and management of Contaminated Sites, prepared by the Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Councils and the National Health and Medical Research Council.
3. Following sampling and testing a report detailing the result of testing and the conclusions shall be submitted to Council.
4. Council may require additional samples to be taken and tested if, in the opinion of Council, the results detailed in the report are not adequate for Council to properly assess the site.
5. Council may submit the report to a consultant, nominated by Council, for independent review. The costs incurred in this review shall be paid by the owner of the land.
6. A detailed description of the history of the site shall be provided which must include, types of fruit grown on the orchard, types of sprays used, period orchard has operated, area where chemicals were mixed and containers were washed and any other matter Council considers may be relevant for each site.
7. A statutory declaration verifying the accuracy of the information must be provided by the owner of the land.

Compliance, shall be required with the above guidelines and also DCP No.7 (spray drift) for lands identified in the above categories, where Development is proposed on affected lands, of occupied and/or residential nature.

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