

ALERT – WARNING TO THE PEOPLE

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IF YOU LIVE NEAR THE COAST LINE IN THE BYRON SHIRE AERIAL SPRAYING OF HERBICIDE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN MAY/JUNE

State and local government authorities are joining forces for an all out attack on Bitou Bush in the coastal regions of our Shire and this toxic chemical will be let loose over thousands of hectares of land near you and your families.

This chemical by the Manufacturers specifications clings to the soil particles **BUT SOIL IS CARRIED IN THE WIND, IT WASHES INTO OUR DRIVEWAYS, DOWN OUR DRAINS, INTO OUR WATERWAYS, INTO OUR OCEANS. LEVELS OF CONCENTRATION AFTER EXPOSURE HAVE BEEN INDICATED AT LARGE, SMALL AND NEGLIGIBLE** in Microorganisms, Insects, crustaceans, fish, algae, crustaceans, honey bees, earthworms, birds, mammals (According to Government departments own preferred recommended website www.toxipedia.com)

AERIAL APPLICATION - EXPOSURE OF FLORA & FAUNA due to off-target deposits may take place, downward deposits depend on the meteorological conditions, release height, applications rate, hydraulic nozzles, wind speed etc. (See Aerial applications www.toxipedia.com)

DO WE TRUST THIS HIT AND MISS WAY OF DEALING WITH A PROBLEM IS SAFE FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THE INHABITANTS OF OUR SHIRE?

I NEED A THOUSAND PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD AND SAY THEY WILL “HAND PULL” THIS WEED THAT THREATENS OUR COASTAL ZONES

Optimistic you say: to call for a “thousand” but we did come out in our thousands to protest the Becton Project, why not now when our very wellbeing and organic way of life is at risk.

Organic farmers in our Shire: In the Byron Shire we have one of the highest uptakes of sustainable organic agricultural practices of any regional area in Australia, according to councils own records there has been over 2,180 hectares of land certified as organic in the region so far this year. Our Shire sells more organic milk per capitar than any other shire and sales of organic milk are even higher than normal milk. We are reducing our carbon footprint – buying local and organic.

HEALTH ISSUES RELATED TO ORGANOPHOSPHATES - Reine Dubois Dip ND. Organophosphates are the active ingredient found in pesticides. As a naturopath I will often see many patients return to my clinic complaining of extreme fatigue & allergies three weeks after an aerial spraying of pesticides. Most people commonly mention the lethargy just after exposure to these pesticides, but individuals with compromised liver function have a much harder time metabolising the toxins and as such their suffering is far greater. Due to advancements in testing for heavy metals and toxic compounds in urine it has been proven that many chronic conditions can be attributed to the accumulation of such substances as organophosphates. The latest finding is the connection to autism, ADHD, allergies and dyslexia which was recently presented in Melbourne by the MINDD foundation. Those suffering with anxiety related conditions are also affected due to the effect organophosphates have on the nervous system **Register symptoms:** We will be

keeping a register after the next aerial spraying of those who have experienced symptoms that may be connected to exposure. Unless of course we can muster a large enough ground swell to stop it. Reine’s email is reine@theremedyroom.com

Some obvious symptoms you may experience from Glyphosate exposure (According to the American Journal of Science) are Overwhelming tiredness itchy eyes, aching limbs, sore throat, swollen glands, poor digestion, depression, unexplained bouts of hay fever, . **Other known affects** documented in scientific studies : A hormone disrupter, enzyme inhibitor, behavioural problems in children, hyperactivity, irritability, anxiety attacks, aggregation of asthma, attention deficit disorder and autism (source:Australian Chemical Trauma Alliance Inc.

* On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank our Byron Shire council who are one of the last to submit to this form of eradication of the Bitou Bush. I know they have held out for as long as they could. We are extremely fortunate they have restricted spraying roundup in town, around schools & play grounds. Hopefully, we can find another way to meet this challenge too.- **Rose Wanchap.** To register your willingness to be one of the thousand people who can help to eradicate this weed the good old fashioned way by hand. email me - rose@redroserealty.com



Inertia of governments derives in large measure from the self imposed helplessness of individuals. If we the people stand up and say NO, if we reject the lie, if we join with others to voice our needs we will break the chains that otherwise shackle us to programmed self extinction : Ronald Higgins - The Seventh Enemy