



PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

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Purpose/Explanations

This Pesticide Use Notification Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Pesticides Regulation 2009* (the Regulation). The Plan sets out how Mosman Municipal Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

The aim of the Plan is to meet the community's right to know about pesticide applications made in public places that are owned or controlled by Mosman Municipal Council. This Plan allows members of the public the opportunity to avoid contact with pesticides. Council will ensure that pesticides are applied to public places in a safe, responsible manner, minimising harm to the community and the environment. Council will also ensure that all legislative requirements are met and followed.

The Plan describes:

- Which public places are covered by the Plan
- Who uses these places and an estimate of the level of use
- How and when Council will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places (i.e. what notifications arrangements will be used)
- How the community can access this Plan and get more information about Council's notification arrangements
- Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this Plan with Council

Council only uses pesticides in public places when necessary to eliminate weeds, feral animals, protect property from pest damage and to protect the users of public places from nuisance and danger.

The majority of pesticide use consists of applying herbicides for weed control. Frequency of application will vary from area to area. Other pesticides are used on a needs basis. These include insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, bird baits and large vertebrate baits.

Scope

Mosman Municipal Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls in the Mosman Local Government Area (LGA). The area covered in this Plan is shown in Appendix 1 and 2.

- Parks/ reserves
- Gardens
- Playgrounds
- Sporting fields and ovals
- Public land owned or controlled by Mosman Municipal Council including:
 - road verges and reserves
 - laneways and pathways
 - easements accessible to the public
- Unmade roads
- Bushland

2.1 No Notification of Chemical Use

Council uses small quantities of some pesticides that are available in retail outlets and ordinarily used for domestic purposes (including home gardening). Council does not intend to provide notice for pesticide applications other than as described in this plan. This will apply to minor insect pests using baits or spray cans and spot weed control using a wand or hand-held spray bottle. It also will apply to maintenance herbicide use by residents that apply herbicide on Council footpaths/verge areas in front of their properties.

Mosman Municipal Council estimates the level of use, user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places is summarised in the table below.

Table 1: Pesticide Notification by Location

| Public places | Regular user groups | Level of use/length of stays. | Type of pesticide use |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Parks/Reserves | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children • Families • Elderly people • General recreational users, eg joggers, walkers, picnickers • Bushcare volunteers • Pets | High/Very High (frequent use by multiple users with short to medium stays) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spraying herbicides of garden beds • Spot spraying of insecticides • Broad scale spraying of selective herbicides • Spray termiticides • Laying of pesticides • Pindone and 1080 Fox Bait for feral animal control |
| Gardens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General recreational users | Medium. (medium stays) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spraying herbicides of garden beds • Spot spraying of insecticides |
| Playgrounds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children • Young families • Carers | High (frequent use by multiple users with short to medium stays) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spraying of herbicides • Spot spraying of insecticides |
| Sporting fields and ovals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting clubs and associations • School sporting groups • Recreational users. | High (frequent use by multiple users with medium to long stays) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad scale spraying of selective herbicides • Broad scale spraying of insecticides • Broad scale spraying of non-selective herbicides • Spot spraying of herbicides • Broad scale spraying of fungicides • Laying of pesticides Pindone and 1080 Fox Bait for feral animal control |

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| Public places | Regular user groups | Level of use/length of stays. | Type of pesticide use |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| Road verges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents walking or driving down street Pets | Low (short stays) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot spraying of herbicides |
| Laneways and pathways | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly pedestrians ranging from citizens to visitors to the Mosman LGA -Pets | Medium use with short stays. High use of paths and footpaths within shopping precincts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot spraying of herbicides |

Notification Arrangements

This section of the Plan describes how and when Mosman Municipal Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, including special measures for sensitive places that are adjacent to public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

These notification requirements are based on Mosman Municipal Council's, assessment of:

- The level of use of public places where pesticides may be used.
- The extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides use the area.
- The extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some direct contact with pesticides.
- Type of pesticide used.

How and When Notification of Pesticide Will Be Provided

Notice of pesticide use will be provided by a combination of:

- Signs at entrance points to public places before and during spraying.
- Information on Council's website.
- Advertisements in local paper.
- Email or fax.
- Door knocking.
- Letterbox drops
- Telephone contact.

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Council does not intend to provide notice for such pesticide applications other than as described in this Plan. This will apply to minor control of indoor and outdoor pests using baits or aerosol cans and spot weed control using a wand or hand held spray bottle. It will also apply to maintenance herbicide use by residents that apply herbicide on Council footpaths/verge areas in front of their properties.

Notification Arrangements in Public Places

Parks/Reserves

For parks/reserves, signs will be erected before and during application for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot spraying of herbicides.

For parks/reserves, an advertisement in the Mosman Daily will be taken out 1 month prior to the application for the following pesticide uses:

- Broad scale spraying of selective herbicides.

For parks/reserves, notification will be undertaken in accordance with: PESTICIDES ACT 1999 - PESTICIDE CONTROL ORDER UNDER SECTION 38, PERMIT NUMBER - PER9224, and will include signs posted at entrances/exits of the parks 3 days prior and during the baiting timetable; a letter box drop to residents adjacent to the parkland 3 days prior and notice in the Mosman Daily 7 days prior to the commencement of laying of poisoned baits (excluding free feed periods) for the following pesticides:

- 1080 Fox Off Fox Bait.
- Pindone

Please refer to Appendix 1 for location of Parks/ Reserves in Mosman LGA.

Gardens

For public gardens, signs will be erected before and during application for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot spraying of herbicides
- Spot spraying of fungicides

Playgrounds

For playgrounds, signs will be erected before and during application for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot spraying of herbicides.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for location of playgrounds in Mosman LGA.

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Sporting fields and ovals

For sporting fields and ovals, signs will be erected at the main entrances before and during application for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot spraying of herbicides
- Broad scale spraying of insecticides.
- Broad scale spraying of non-selective herbicides.
- Broad scale spraying of selective herbicides.
- Broad scale spraying of fungicides.

For Sporting Fields and Ovals, notification will also be undertaken in accordance with: PESTICIDES ACT 1999 - PESTICIDE CONTROL ORDER UNDER SECTION 38, PERMIT NUMBER - PER9224, and will include signs posted at entrances/exits of the parks 3 days prior and during the baiting timetable; a letter box drop to residents adjacent to the parkland 3 days prior and notice in the Mosman Daily 7 days prior to the commencement of laying of poisoned baits (excluding free feed periods) for the following pesticides:

- 1080 Fox Off Fox Bait
- Pindone

Please refer to Appendix 1 for location of Sporting fields and ovals in Mosman LGA.

Road verges

For road verges, signs will be erected at the main entrance points before and during application for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot spraying of herbicides

Please refer to Appendix 2 for location of Road verges in Mosman LGA.

Laneways and pathways

In laneways and pathways, signs will be erected at entrance points before and during application for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot spraying of herbicides

Please refer to Appendix 2 for location of Laneways and pathways in Mosman LGA.

Easements accessible by the public

For easements, signs will be erected before and during application will be provided for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot spraying of herbicides

Please refer to Appendix 2 for location of Easements accessible by the public in Mosman LGA.

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Unmade Roads

For unmade roads, signs will be erected before and during application for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot spraying of herbicides
- Spot spraying of fungicides
- Spraying of termiticides

Please refer to Appendix 1 for location of Unmade Roads in Mosman LGA.

Bushland

For bushland areas, signs will be erected before and during application for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot spraying of herbicides
- Spot spraying of fungicides
- Spraying of termiticides

For Bushland, notification will also be undertaken in accordance with: PESTICIDES ACT 1999 – PESTICIDE CONTROL ORDER UNDER SECTION 38, PERMIT NUMBER -PER9224, and will include signs posted at entrances/exits of the parks 3 days prior and during the baiting timetable; a letter box drop to residents adjacent to the parkland 3 days prior and notice in the Mosman Daily 7 days prior to the commencement of laying of poisoned baits (excluding free feed periods) for the following pesticides:

- 1080 Fox Off Fox Bait
- Pindone

Please refer to Appendix 1 for location of Bushland in Mosman LGA.

Special Measures for Sensitive Places

Section 18 of the *Pesticides Regulation* defines a sensitive place to be any:

- School or pre-school
- Kindergarten
- Childcare centre
- Hospital
- Community health centre
- Nursing home
- Place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority (now a part of the Department of Environment and Conservation).

Special notification measures for programmed pesticide use in outdoor public places adjacent to sensitive places of public places are summarised below.

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For non-emergency reactive pesticide use in outdoor public places adjacent to sensitive places, Council will provide concurrent notice shortly before use to the occupier by suitable signage, phone, door-knock or letter box drop, depending upon what is practicable.

If a pesticide must be used in an emergency in an outdoor public place that is adjacent to a sensitive place, Council will provide concurrent notice shortly before use to the occupier, preferably at least 30 minutes before, so people are aware that a pesticide is about to be used to deal with a dangerous pest infestation.

Notification of Emergency Pesticide Applications

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard), Council will, where possible, provide notice by posting signs nearby at the time of application. Council will provide information by a request to the person applying the pesticide.

Pesticide Contractors and Lessees of Public Places

Mosman Municipal Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf. Council will ensure that notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this Plan.

Contractors undertaking work on behalf of Mosman Municipal Council will be issued with a copy of Council's Pesticide Notification Plan.

Where persons or organisations hold an existing lease on Mosman Municipal Council land that remains a public place and they use pesticides in that area, Council will require notification in accordance with the requirements of this Plan.

What Information Will Be Provided

In accordance with Section 20 (1) (h) of the Pesticides Regulation, notice of pesticides uses will include the following information:

- The full product name of the pesticide to be used.
- The purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated.
- The proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use.
- The places where the pesticide is to be used.
- Contact telephone number and email address of the Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice.
- Any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the APVMA¹ permit.

Signs will be of a standardised design that will be easily recognisable to the public and workers.

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How the Community Will Be Informed of This Plan

Mosman Municipal Council will advise residents of this plan and its contents by:

- Making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at its main office at Civic Centre Mosman Square Spit Junction 2088.
- Placing a copy of the plan on the Council's website.
- Placing a notice in The Mosman Daily.
- Placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette.

Related Information/Glossary

Broad scale spraying refers to one application of continuous spraying of an area the size of a football field or greater, generally by a boom spray, mounted on a tractor or similar. The spraying of a continuous area smaller than a football field with a back pack sprayer is not considered broad scale spraying (personnel communication EPA 2007).

Review

The notification plan will be reviewed every 5 years. The review will culminate in a report on progress of implementing the Plan.

Where any significant changes to the Plan's area of operations, the legislated requirements or the way in which Council (and its contractors) enact the Plan are identified during the review, Council will draft an update of the Plan. Council will:

- Place the draft plan on public exhibition, with any proposed changes and calling for public submissions.
- Include recommendations for alterations (if applicable) to the draft plan arising from public submissions in the final report.

Next review due: *August 2020*

Contact

Anyone wishing to contact Mosman Municipal Council to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact:

Mosman Municipal Council

Civic Centre, Mosman Square PO Box 211, Spit Junction 2088

Telephone: 9978 4000, Fax 9978 4132

Email: council @mosman.nsw.gov.au

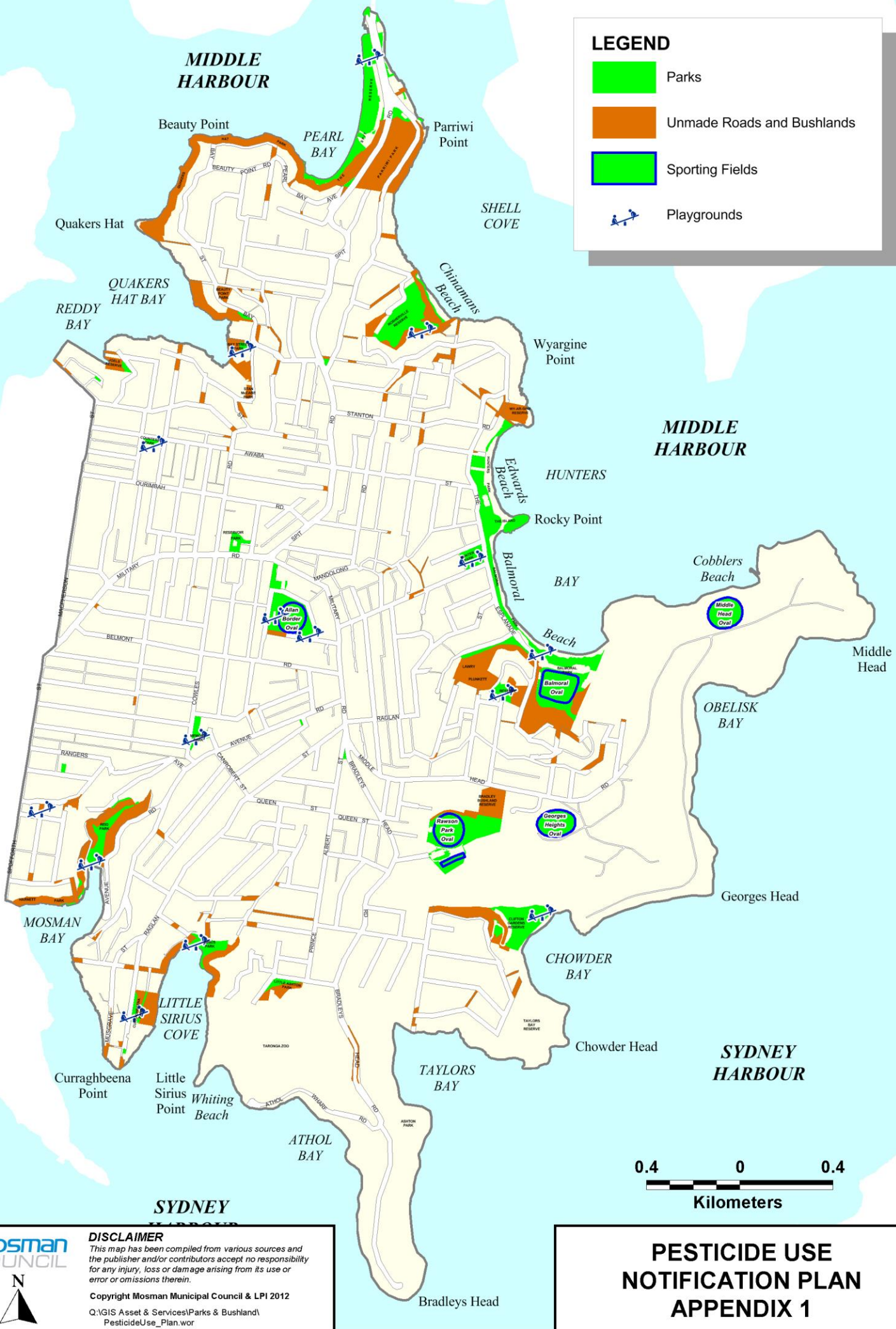
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Amendments

| Date | Amendment | Reference |
|-------------|--|------------------|
| 09/09/2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corrected references to the superseded <i>Pesticide Regulation 1995</i>• Updated conditions for review and public consultation per EPA guidelines• Updated to current policy format• Updated Maps | N/A |
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LEGEND

- Parks
- Unmade Roads and Bushlands
- Sporting Fields
- Playgrounds



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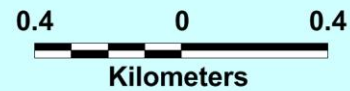
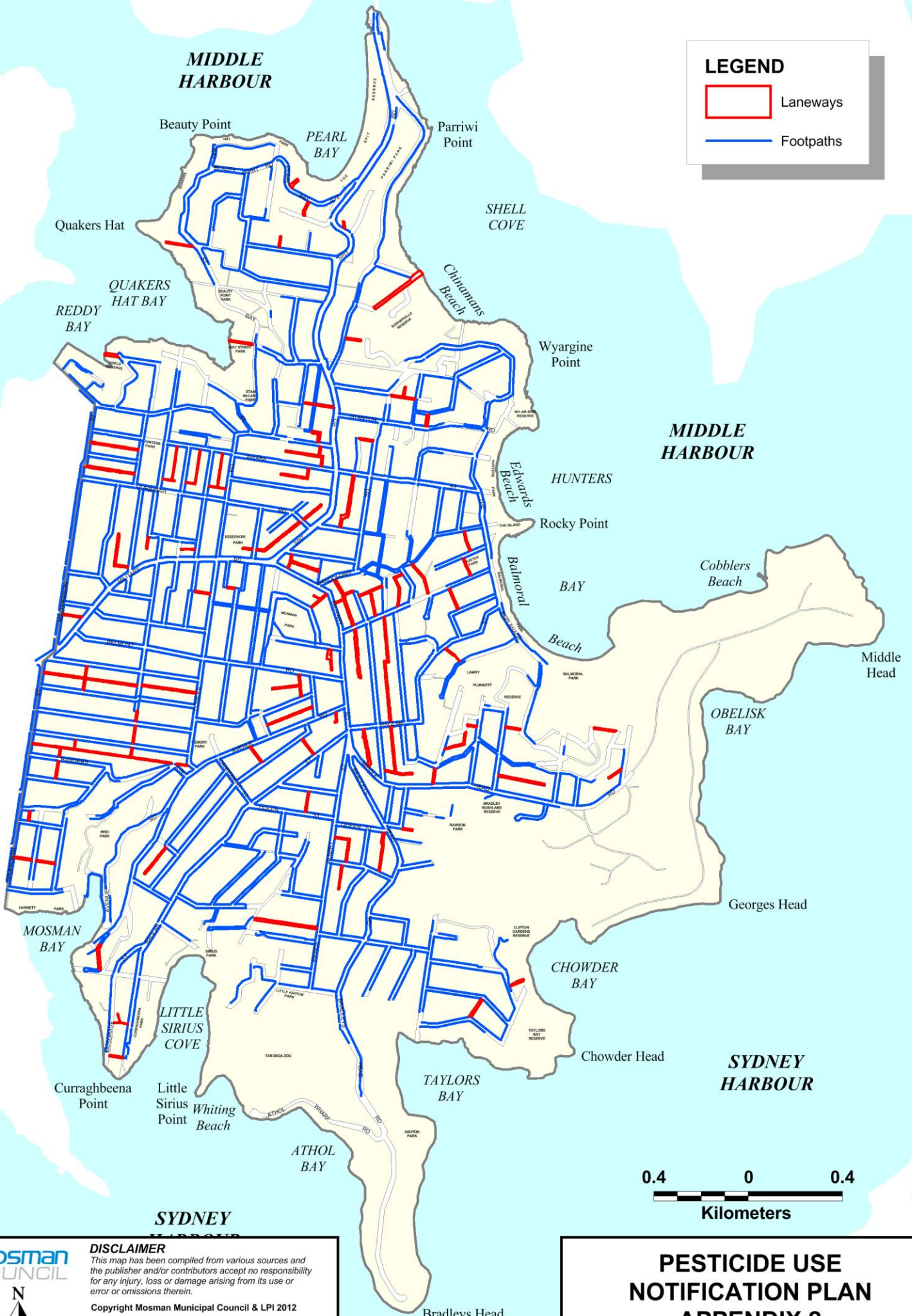
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-  Laneways
-  Footpaths



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