



Australian Government
**Australian Pesticides and
Veterinary Medicines Authority**

**PERMIT TO ALLOW MINOR USE OF A REGISTERED AGVET CHEMICAL
PRODUCT FOR CONTROL OF ALLIGATOR WEED IN VARIOUS WATERWAYS**

PERMIT NUMBER – PER14200

This permit is issued to the Permit Holder in response to an application granted by the APVMA under section 112 of the Agvet Codes of the jurisdictions set out below. This permit allows a person, as stipulated below, to use the product in the manner specified in this permit in the designated jurisdictions. This permit also allows the Permit Holder and any person stipulated below to claim that the product can be used in the manner specified in this permit.

THIS PERMIT IS IN FORCE FROM 01 JULY 2013 TO 30 APRIL 2028.

Permit Holder:

PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL
116 Adelaide Street
RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324

Persons who can use the product under this permit:

Persons who are trained and experienced in the use of agricultural chemicals who are either employed, contracted or operating under the direction of Port Stephens Council, Maitland City Council, Hawkesbury River County Council and/or Hunter Water Corporation.

CONDITIONS OF USE

Products to be used:

MACSPRED METMAC 600 HERBICIDE (APVMA No. 52735)

PLUS OTHER REGISTERED PRODUCTS

Containing: 600 g/L METSULFURON-METHYL as the only active constituent.

RESTRAINTS:

VERY TOXIC TO AQUATIC PLANTS AND ALGAE

DO NOT broadcast spray over water or allow spray to drift onto non-target areas.

DO NOT spray if rainfall or elevated waterflow are expected within 4 hours of application.

DO NOT use treated water for irrigation.

Directions for Use:

Crop	Pest	Rate
Aquatic situations within the local government areas of Port Stephens Council, Maitland City Council and Hawkesbury River County Council, including the potable water catchment of Grahamstown Dam.	Alligator Weed (<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>)	10 g/100 L water.

Critical Use Comments:

- ONLY apply as a spot spray using hand directed sprays from vehicles, knapsacks, boats and/or shore/wading.
- DO NOT apply more than six applications per annum, with a minimum re-treatment interval of 2 months between sprays.
- Spray from a point easily accessible to the target alligator weed occurrence and minimise overspray into the water surrounding the target weed mat. Minimise spraying through gaps in the weed mat, and only spray areas of the weed mat which are emerged from the water.
- Stop spraying before the herbicide droplets on the leaves begin to coalesce and run off.
- Liaise with Hunter Water Corporation before applying product to potable catchment areas.
- Conduct residue monitoring as specified by the relevant Licence to Pollute.
- Refer to the most current Alligator Weed Control Manual, found on the NSW DPI Website for other details. (<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/weed-control/management-guides/alligator-weed-control-manual>)

Jurisdiction:

NSW ONLY – Aquatic areas within the local government boundaries of Port Stephens Council, Maitland City Council and Hawkesbury River County Council including the potable water catchment of Grahamstown Dam ONLY.

Additional Conditions:

This permit allows for the use of a product in a manner specified on the permit. Persons who wish to prepare for use and/or use products for the purposes specified in this permit must read, or have read to them, the details and conditions of this permit. Unless otherwise stated, the use of the product must be in accordance with the product label.

The holder of the permit must notify the APVMA of new information, including relevant information in accordance with section 161 of the Schedule to the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994*, in accordance with the obligation imposed by that section.

THIS PERMIT provides for the use of a product within 500 m of a potable water intake. Metsulfuron-methyl application in this area **MUST** be carried out in consultation with Hunter Water Corporation, and in accordance with the relevant NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) pollution control licence. This includes residue determination to below licence limit before extraction of water for human use.

RECORDS:

The user must make and maintain records of all spray applications in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 2017 (NSW). Specifically, details must include the date and location where the spray applications were done, rates and frequency of application, total amount of product used and the names and addresses of the persons conducting the spray application. Records must be maintained for minimum period of three years from the date of expiry of this permit and must be made available to APVMA and the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) upon request.

NOTIFICATION TO DOWNSTREAM WATER USERS:

The user, prior to spraying, must notify all downstream water users (to a point where the herbicide is no longer detectable). This **MUST** include Hunter Water Corporation.

Any unexpected or adverse effects at or downstream should be monitored, recorded and reported to APVMA and the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) as soon as practical.

Issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

Note: 03/06/2015 – Administrative amendment to correct persons who can use permit to include Hunter Water Corporation. Permit issued as version 2.

10/09/2018 – Permit updated to include record keeping condition. Permit expiry extended to 30 June 2023. Permit issued as Version 3.

27/04/2023 - Permit updated to include additional and re-formatted restraints. Permit expiry extended to 30/04/2028. Permit issued as Version 4.