

# Aerial Spraying Notification



**Your neighbours have requested Air Ag to carry out aerial spraying operations on their property and this leaflet gives you some information on their activities.**

Air Ag prides it's self on carrying out a professional spraying service that ensures a quality and timely service to it's clients while taking into consideration the effects on neighbours and the environment. We wish to have a long term business relationship with your neighbour and understand that includes being aware of your concerns and needs as well

Your neighbour should contact you before each spraying operation and notify you what they are spraying and where. This gives you the opportunity to notify them of crops, animals or staff etc that may be affected by the spray operation. This enables them to modify their spray plans to avoid these hazards.

The 2 ways that Air Ag avoids spray drift hazards are:

1. **Wind Direction.** Spray drift will not travel up wind. If you have areas that can be affected by the spray we will carry out the spray operation when the wind is blowing away from that area. We can use nearby weather stations to determine wind direction before we start, and the aircraft has a smoke generator on board that allows the pilot to determine wind direction during the application
2. **Distance.** Depending on the type of spray, the nature of your sensitive area and the weather conditions, we will leave a spray buffer that we know is wide enough that the spray drift will not cross. This may be from a few hundred meters up to several kilometres. We are very cautious and always leave larger buffers than are necessary, just in case.

Aircraft can be very noisy and we often want to spray when everyone else wants to sleep. There is not much we can do about that and the best we can do is to carry out a quick job and be on our way. The pilot always avoids flying over houses where possible and keeps a good eye out for stock which may be spooked by the aircraft. If you have any particulars concerns with this let your neighbour know and he will pass it on to us.

Air Ag can be contacted at their office on 07 4676 2236 or fax 07 4676 2324. This phone is monitored 24hrs per day, but may be diverted to a mobile if we are in the field. All messages left are promptly returned if you leave a number. The pilot monitors UHF 27 at all times and if you have any concerns during the spray operation you can give him a call.

Staff at Air Ag are always happy to talk to you about their operations and answer any queries you may have. Please feel free to gives a call anytime.

Remember you can call the pilot on UHF 27 if you have any concerns