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Chemical Trespass Unacceptable

Environment Tasmania has received yet a further report highlighting the growing problem of agrichemical aerial spray drift in Tasmania. The report from a concerned individual in Triabunna indicated early morning spraying on a plantation yesterday which caused significant spray drift into a nearby water course and homes. If proven to be accurate these reports highlight yet again the need to have chemical trespass laws that make the perpetrators of these acts accountable.

“Irrespective of what crop is being sprayed people have a right to expect that neither their properties nor they themselves will be contaminated with agrichemicals” said Peter Skillern Executive Officer Environment Tasmania. “This is a property rights issue and a significant health issue that all political parties should be looking at. It is no longer acceptable for the Government and regulatory authorities to turn a blind eye to these cases of chemical trespass”

“Current methods of application do not guarantee that the applied agrichemical stays exclusively within the target site and the broader community no longer accepts such spraying practises and standards. The Government needs to urgently implement chemical trespass laws as a matter of priority.” he concluded.

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