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39693	May 24, 2023, 07:51 AM	I do not want our council to use roundup (glyphosate). Germany has banned it from 2023 - we should too.	St Kilda	Woman or female	50 to 59 years				
39672	May 23, 2023, 08:15 AM	Please don't start reusing chemicals. 'Weeds' are colonisers. You need to start planting local native plants that have the same ecological role. They will spread themselves once established is given the chance. It takes a few years of maintenance but eventually native grasses and bushes will prevail. But it takes time. I have done this on nature strips in front of three properties on Blessington Street. There are no or few weeds there now. In one area where neighbours cut back the native growth, weeds are of course now appearing in the bare patches of earth because of the weed seed Bank in the soil. When you get a complaint, explain this strategy.	St Kilda	Woman or female	60 to 69 years				
39692	May 23, 2023, 11:45 PM	Try more kerb extensions, rain gardens, gutter wetland and such with Indigenous plantings with less mulch, the talk at Westgate Park on Saturday indicated more mulch/nutrients fed more weeds. Lake Bolac Eel festival people recommend scalping top 10cm to reduce weed seed bank.	Port Melbourne	Man or male	60 to 69 years				
39594	May 17, 2023, 01:44 PM	I am not sure why you feature a dandelion as a weed in your introduction photo. Dandelions have many uses both herbally and as a food source. To say nothing of the attraction by bees and other pollinating insects. Would it not be better to educate our population of the real uses and benefits of 'weeds'. Why is the council so inclined to eradicate necessary pollination attracting plants?	St Kilda	Woman or female	70 to 74 years				
39603	May 17, 2023, 04:32 PM	I would really rather not have glyphosate as a weed killer. Are the studies you mention really independent? Are there alternatives like having a few small areas declared as bee-friendly habitat and seeing whether they are lower maintenance?	Elwood	Man or male	35 to 49 years				
39619	May 18, 2023, 09:20 AM	I would prefer an alternative as this product damages our health and will always films its way into the water ways.	South Melbourne	Woman or female	60 to 69 years				
39567	May 17, 2023, 10:23 AM	Yes!!! It is a known human carcinogen. According to Scientific American, some studies have linked lawn chemicals such as Roundup to higher risks of canine cancer, so Roundup is also harmful to dogs. Several long-term studies—some of them as long as 25 years—have established links between poor health outcomes in humans and higher levels of glyphosate in the body, according to the Archives of Toxicology. It kills friendly bacteria in the gut and can damage our DNA. It has also been linked to serious illnesses and health disorders such as Alzheimer's disease and autism. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, glyphosate can also cause defects, and various cancers, including heart, liver, and brain cancer. It can also reduce testosterone levels in men and negatively affect hormonal balances. This is why there have been so many Roundup class action lawsuits. When it comes to glyphosate and dogs, there's no reason to expect our pets couldn't suffer similar effects. These are alarming statistics, but the fact of the matter is that glyphosate levels in animals can be much, much higher than in humans, and they can cause serious health issues for them as well. As a dog owner and concerned environmentalist I strongly oppose to the use of this toxic chemical to control 'weeds'! We need to make safer choices for the sake of our own health, our animals and the environment.	Albert Park	Woman or female	35 to 49 years				
39514	May 16, 2023, 04:06 PM	Recently travelling in the uk it was encouraging to see there is a trend towards parkland having a less manicured presentation. There is significant research to suggest that even insects have a significant contribution to environmental wellbeing. Albert Park lake is a catchment for all street run off in my area and introducing detrimental products would add further stress the environment there. Glyphosate may affect fish and wildlife indirectly because killing the plants alters the animals' habitat. Thank you	South Melbourne	Woman or female	60 to 69 years				
39607	May 17, 2023, 07:12 PM	We, a committed group of residents seeking to improve South Melbourne and myself, disagree with the re-introduction of such products, and we disagree with the Council's concept of low-risk areas and reliance on the reports, given wider global dissent and problem with inability to discriminate plants and insects and ongoing parsing of ecosystems by object type, and differing reports on impacts and minimum standard differences. FIRST QUESTION - how bad and extensive are these weeds? There is not enough information on extent and problem to ascertain justifying glyphosate use in fine grain living environments - we are not ravaged by weeds, nor have we a weed/pest situation that hinders crops in the way these products assume. Has the lot next door got a weed problem? Or is there perceived urban aesthetics or maintenance overhead concern involved? So far manageable without. There are pets and insects, bee pollinator corridor program, and biodiversity principles to follow, as supported by the State Government, and legislative assembly to bear as part of a rethink on local environmental sustainability. SECOND QUESTION - can Council precisely declare "low-risk" areas and discretionary use in real terms? We have dense living conditions, constant contact and proximity to primary and lesser spaces, gardens front and back, all manner of life engaging across gardens, parks, green verges on roads, and in laneways with rear garage open space and open garage-door gardens. If you consider government reports, apart from the issues for insects and avoiding destabilising whatever the "good" non-target insect class is, the substance affects soil microflora, (nutrient supply, bacteria relationships) with knock on impacts to plants, and insects. In other words, proposed products such as this creates biodiversity "breaks" in what should otherwise be fully biodiverse accessible neighborhoods for all living life. Many sense neighborhoods are high risk and some under pressure. THIRD QUESTION - has Council and these departments considered the impact of recent rains? It is possible the weather has limited the benefit of weedkillers no matter the type as we discovered, and "stronger" or "more powerful" cheaper or not compounds fared no better. We worked overseas in places like Japan, the ultimate aesthetes, and many places in Europe and the UK equally so allow natural styled scapes to include "weeds", and where weed pulling is standard maintenance as is regenerating environments, and "costs of hand pulling" ought to be seen as a part of robust, smart, environmental policy. Whereas having seen Iowa and the agricultural scale of Monsanto use there is clear impact on entire landscapes and Neighbour small farms is a path to avoid, especially impacting on local living settings and beyond. CONCLUDING Our only last comment is to note how services are deployed in the name of efficiency or outsourced cost effectiveness. Between weed-killer deadened trees and plants, heavy and indiscriminate spraying (who can tell the weed apart) is similar in thinking to hand-held street clean up using leaf blowers, which when in operation, thrust various owners into some streets with brooms for the truck sweepers to avert the arrival of this petrol pumped fleet kicking up dust, fumes and 90dBA+ noise. We have a low base understanding of maintenance, and this should be improved. We do not support the glyphosate use creep nor the separation of plant and insect ecosystems; it is clear this use creep proposition will regain wholesale traction, if the peer pressure list of councils here is anything to go by. The proposed product, irrespective of cost or APVMA case system (with its policy EU-USA distinctions), shouldn't be placed above protecting total neighborhood biodiversity health. And yes, we should pay for it.	South Melbourne	Woman or female	Prefer not to say				
39521	May 16, 2023, 04:51 PM	It seems reasonable to use glyphosate, however when and how is going to be very important considerations. Issues to consider: weather conditions - only use on very low wind days spraying - no wide spraying that will result in drift - keep spraying narrowly focussed Clear signage to advise community that spraying is in progress - with plenty of opportunity to take an alternative route when walking for example. Advice to adjacent residents re intention to spray; times; length of time it will likely take etc Obviously protective gear for gardeners	Port Melbourne	Woman or female	60 to 69 years				
39584	May 17, 2023, 12:50 PM	I think this would be a risky backward step risking health and safety working with such a toxic substance once again... seems pretty obvious to me this doesn't occur!	Middle Park	Man or male	50 to 59 years				
39563	May 17, 2023, 08:11 AM	My household is vehemently opposed to this lazy, irresponsible proposal. Consult your own Eco Centre on the wisdom of this. Consult Emma Cutting of the Bee Garden initiative in South Melbourne on the wisdom of this. Employ real gardeners to take care of public open space instead of contracting companies like Citywide that have no horticultural expertise but are simply maintenance workers. Pull weeds out by hand and scatter seed in their place! Plant native shrubs along roads and verges. Use this as an opportunity to green and beautify not poison. There is so much cancer in the canine world; do not increase the hazards of sniffing!	Albert Park	Woman or female	60 to 69 years				
39591	May 17, 2023, 01:31 PM	What a disastrous proposal. Glyphosate is known to cause the decline of insects, in particular bees and other pollinators. The use of glyphosate is banned in Austria and, by the end of 2023, in Germany, because of the damage caused to the environment. In parts of Germany, steam is used as an effective way to control weeds. The European Union has voted to ban the use of glyphosate. Please rethink this retrograde decision.	Albert Park	Man or male	60 to 69 years				

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39562	May 17, 2023, 07:53 AM	Strongly against it's use - the long term effects of it are not known, and Monsanto told lies about its short term effects and victimised scientists who tried to tell the facts. Keep away from it ! Regular use of steam or flame can keep weeds under control, the key to controlling weeds is persistence, to prevent them flowering and setting seed.	Balaclava	Woman or female	70 to 74 years				
39663	May 20, 2023, 12:09 PM	Yes please reintroduce glycoposphates at low doses. There are so many weeds around that I feel embarrassed to walk with friends. The area around the Loch/Mary St fountain is a disgrace. Broken bricks again. When will the council realise that the road is not wide enough for heavy traffic. So many renovations. Why not reduce the diameter of the roundabout. A small group contributed to the building of the fountain - as did the Council.	St Kilda West	Woman or female	70 to 74 years				
39652	May 18, 2023, 09:03 PM	I thought the council was interested in being Green but seems that is only for appearances...at the mere sign of requiring innovation you consider resorting to toxic chemicals banned in Germany, Mexico etc...yet freely available to Australian idiots who choose to poison their gardens with the horrendous stuff...now you want to bring it back...oh god help us...DO NOT BRING THIS TOXIC HORRENDOUS CHEMICAL BACK we do not want it in our streets, near our pets, wildlife, feet, shoes, bay, fish, schools, shops, kindergartens, play spaces, fences, laneways, back fences, side fences, gutters, storm water, parks, ducks, swans, possums, birds, noses, hands, mouths...stop this nonsensical way of thinking and start to innovate. Some councils bring in goats, others steam, others may actually just let some weeds grow and flower and feed the bees. DO NOT use GLYPHOSATE anywhere, it should be banned globally. If you think for a second this is being green because maybe the council put some solar panels on some lights, think again, toxic run off from streets into all waterways and into wildlife's environments and our community, affect us all. How can you even consider this toxin, yet in the survey you propose there are more than 2 sexes, learn some biology. 2 sexes. Glyphosate is toxic Men & Woman NO TOXINS We should be an organic suburb with green credentials. No sooner do we have Green waste bins then you are asking to bring back toxins that cause cancer...incredible!	Middle Park	Man or male	25 to 34 years				
39667	May 22, 2023, 11:16 AM	Countries around the world have banned Glyphosate...why would anyone consider bringing it back into our community and environment, it's toxic horrendous substance that causes cancer and untold damage to wildlife, waterways and humans. Local councils around Australia are banning the use of glyphosate, phasing it out or conducting reviews of its use because of health and safety concerns about workers who have suffered extensive exposure to the herbicide which has been linked to non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Councils which have banned glyphosate range from Cook Shire Council in far north Queensland, through to Fairfield City Council and Georges River Council in NSW, down to Moynes Shire and Warrambool City Council in Victoria. The Victorian Government has also begun a six-week review into glyphosate use, and many other councils including Sydney's Willoughby, Ku-ring-gai, Sutherland Shire and Waverley Councils are also conducting their own reviews. The bans and reviews come after chemical giant Monsanto was ordered to pay more than \$300 million to a dying man in California who used Roundup, which contains glyphosate, during his job as a school groundsman. There have been a number of other successful claims against Monsanto in the US, including a lawsuit in which US\$80 million was awarded to a residential user of the herbicide and US\$2 billion was awarded to a California couple after a jury found their non-Hodgkin lymphoma was caused by decades of exposure to Roundup. The first legal action has also been launched in Australia, with 54-year-old Melbourne gardener Michael Ogalirolo looking to take Monsanto to the Supreme Court over claims it ignored the alleged carcinogenic impacts of Roundup. Ogalirolo was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma in 2011, which he said was linked to his use of Roundup about three times a week over 18-plus years in his work as a landscape gardener in Victoria. The statement of claim, issued through Carbone Lawyers, provides that glyphosate has been linked to various forms of cancer and in particular non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Sydney firm LHD lawyers is also considering a class action against Bayer (which owns Monsanto) and personal injury firm Maurice Blackburn is evaluating individual cases after it has fielded hundreds of inquiries mostly over exposure to glyphosate in the workplace. In March 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) announced that it had reclassified the herbicide glyphosate, from 'possibly carcinogenic to humans' (Group 2B) to 'probably carcinogenic to humans' (Group 2A). However, Bayer maintains the chemical is safe, while the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) and The NSW Environment Protection Agency continue to advise that use of glyphosate can be continued to safely according to label directions. WorkSafe Victoria issued an information statement (link is external) about the safe use of glyphosate and said that employers must control any risk to health associated with the use of glyphosate in accordance with a hierarchy of control measures. Specifically, the regulator said employers must consider whether any risk can be eliminated, so far as is reasonably practicable – and if this is not reasonably practicable, employers must reduce the risk by substitution, isolation of employees from the source of exposure, by using engineering controls or a combination of these. This includes considering whether: the use of the glyphosate can be eliminated by use of alternative weed control methods (such as mechanical slashing) that present lower risks a registered ready-to-use diluted form of the herbicide is available, or the herbicide may be applied by a means which will not generate an aerosol (such as a weed wand, coarse spray or low-to-ground spray technique). https://www.aihs.org.au/news-and-publications/news/local-councils-phasing-out-glyphosate-over-health-concerns-and-legal	Albert Park	Woman or female	35 to 49 years				
39602	May 17, 2023, 03:59 PM	How in a district that is meant to be Green, can you even consider such an idiotic move??? Glyphosate causes damage to human and animal health, bees, trees and water ways and bay. What on earth are you thinking, are you actually mad? In the miasma of WOKE that is the Port Phillip Council you see fit to poison the people, plants and animals and the bay. For godsake DO NOT bring back the use of this horrendous toxic chemical...it doesn't matter where you put it, it gets into the ecosystem. Does the council need an education into how an eco-system works...if you kill the bees, damage the birds and trees, the humans don't stand a change. Do NOT use Glyphosate or any other toxic chemical still permitted to be sold in Australia but banned in other countries. Monsanto and all who make this toxic waste, should be in court, not still profiteering from us.	Port Melbourne	Woman or female	35 to 49 years				
39519	May 16, 2023, 04:34 PM	firstly there need to be different styles of plants on nature strip. Some plants don't cover enough ground which gives the weeds free reign.	South Melbourne	Woman or female	50 to 59 years				
39573	May 17, 2023, 11:58 AM	This is absolutely a NO on every level. Glyphosates are proven to cause cancer, destroy waterways and oceans and once they are in our community they are impossible to get out! DO NOT USE TOXIC CHEMICALS IN OUR STREETS, LANEWAYS OR ANYWHERE AT ALL- NO NEVER!!!! Glyphosates are banned in EU and USA why on earth would you even consider this in our community.	Albert Park	Man or male	25 to 34 years				
39574	May 17, 2023, 12:06 PM	NO do NOT use Glyphosate it is a non-selective herbicide, it kills most plants. Recent health studies are prompting calls for more scrutiny of glyphosate toxicity. Research now links glyphosate to health problems including cancer, reproductive problems, neurological diseases like ALS, endocrine disruption and birth defects. Researchers are also beginning to explore potential impacts of glyphosate on pregnancy. Emerging findings suggest glyphosate could be associated with shorter pregnancies. Shorter pregnancies can be detrimental to maternal health and increase the risk of infant mortality and learning problems as children develop. In 2015, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer classified glyphosate as a probable human carcinogen. However, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has long maintained that glyphosate poses no risk for human health when used according to the manufacturer's instructions — a finding criticized by many scientists. While most health research on glyphosate to date focuses on cancer, there is much that science doesn't yet know about its other potential impacts on human health. Much more research is needed to understand the full range of effects, how they may differ in children and adults and the extent of glyphosate's environmental impacts. Leading environmental health researchers, including Environmental Health New's (EHN) chief scientist Pete Myers, have called for more investigation and better monitoring of glyphosate in water, food and human bodies. In addition, scientists have raised concerns about the other ingredients in glyphosate-based herbicides. While glyphosate is the active ingredient, companies don't have to publicly disclose other proprietary chemicals in these herbicide formulations. Consequently, regulators and researchers can't fully study these "inert" chemicals to determine their health effects — alone and in combination with each other. Some scientists and activists want to reform the regulatory system so that companies can't keep these chemicals secret. The World Health Organization's 2015 declaration that glyphosate probably causes cancer opened the floodgates to litigation. The German company Bayer A.G. bought Monsanto in 2018, and tens of thousands of lawsuits have been filed against the company by people claiming that Roundup and other glyphosate-based herbicides caused their cancer, especially non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Most claimants in these lawsuits worked in jobs like agriculture, maintenance, landscaping and other professions with significant exposure risk, or used the products long-term on their lawns and gardens. They say the companies failed to adequately warn the public about health risks.	Middle Park	Man or male	50 to 59 years				

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39553	May 16, 2023, 10:11 PM	What I do have some thoughts on is why the present landscape maintenance contract has gone to the same company for the past 10 years, and are incompetent in my opinion. (by the way, I was told this by a disgusted council worker!). It does lead to some obvious questions, re bidding processes, potential for kickbacks, etc) On another general subject Beaconsfield Parade is a disgrace— dying, or dead palms everywhere and the replacements put in about 5 years ago, must be growing about an inch a year and generally covered in unsightly weeds and grass (back to by comment on landscaping and maintenance). In addition, the centre nature strip truly looks ugly with unsightly, ugly grasses It boggles by mind that such a major boulevard has remained in such a sorry state for so long. Time to cut the bloated headcount and prioritize where you spend your money.	Albert Park	Man or male	75 to 79 years				
39696	May 24, 2023, 09:25 PM	This should not be used anywhere. It is a lazy way of controlling weeds, and more importantly it is unhealthy and dangerous. City wide is a very lazy company. They sit around in their trucks and then wonder around spraying chemicals instead of pulling weeds. We are trying to make a bee corridor in this area and this is completely the wrong direction to go in. Please reconsider this proposal as you are going backwards not forwards. It should not be used anywhere and if it is used in one place it will end up in our parks and waterways.	Albert Park	Woman or female	70 to 74 years				
39683	May 23, 2023, 03:27 PM	the reintroduction of glyphosate products seems logical. It is important that our local area is well maintained and neat and tidy. The current state of overgrown weeds is utterly unacceptable.	Port Melbourne	Woman or female	35 to 49 years				
39592	May 17, 2023, 01:31 PM	Yes please discontinue to use glyphosate in areas as described above. Its use depletes the soil of minerals, and also alarmingly, can cause a range of diseases and disorders in humans, probably animal as well. In short, it is a dangerous chemical for people, animals and the environment.	Port Melbourne	Woman or female	75 to 79 years				
39540	May 16, 2023, 07:14 PM	I oppose the use of glyphosate for weed control. It is water soluble and a risk to aquatic habitats and biodiversity, including the bay, and inshore and freshwater areas. Roads, laneways and traffic treatments are not low risk areas because runoff and spills will drain to the stormwater system. A recent review shows that it persists in the environment and indicates potential health impacts are still being debated - https://academic.oup.com/toxsci/article/192/2/131/7066927 .	Port Melbourne	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	Resident; Ratepayer; Worker	English	Environment and sustainability; Strategies, plans and policies; Technology; Waste management	East St Kilda/ Balaclava; Elwood/ Ripponlea; Montague; Port Melbourne; Sandridge/ Wirraway; South
39516	May 16, 2023, 04:21 PM	I have a very large gum tree in my backyard, near the corner of my property, adjoining 2 council laneways. About 5 years ago, an arborist identified that in poisoning weeds on the other of my fence, the council was also poisoning the 100+ y.o. gum. Is the policy change likely to make this happen again?	Middle Park	Man or male	60 to 69 years				
39558	May 17, 2023, 06:37 AM	Im not sure that Im against it, but are there perhaps alternatives where we can outcompete the weeds in favour for flowering natives? This is a rather uneducated suggestion but in a quick look perhaps boiling water? No long lasting effects, seeps down to kill roots? Im also in favour of letting the grass grow a bit longer so that it can flower!	Balaclava	Man or male	35 to 49 years				
39680	May 23, 2023, 12:56 PM	Just concerned about the insect population. Does glyphosate damage animals?	Balaclava	Woman or female	75 to 79 years				
39606	May 17, 2023, 06:23 PM	I don't approve of this chemical use in our area as compromises children or pets safety	Albert Park	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say				
39317	May 10, 2023, 02:39 PM	I think it's a good idea using it in low risk environments.	St Kilda	Man or male	50 to 59 years				
39686	May 23, 2023, 05:02 PM	YesI would prefer you didn't reintroduce Glyphosate....I think you should encourage residents to take a more active role in keeping their streets weed free.	South Melbourne	Woman or female	75 to 79 years				
39677	May 23, 2023, 11:28 AM	Herbicides are toxic to soil and glyphosate products should not be reintroduced. Please consider the whole cycle of herbicides use - the toxicity this causes to soil and subsequently to our rain and air not to mention humans and animals/ wildlife. Weeds can be suppressed with the introduction of native groundcovers, mulches and geo textile mats. This is a safer and more holistic approach. https://permaculture.com.au/glyphosate-toxicity-impacts-on-the-environment-and-non-target-species/	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say				
39678	May 23, 2023, 11:32 AM	Whilst the use of chemicals for weed control is easy an option due to effectiveness, the cost to society and the environment is far broader than generally recognized outside of financial inputs and savings compared to more labour intensive or less effective alternatives. The total overall cost from using glyphosate is far underestimated and not properly considered, with only financial impact of chemical spraying vs. alternative control methods dominating assessment, excluding many ignored impacts that land managers will inevitably pay for in the future (outside of the potential for litigation), mostly summarized as glyphosates contribution to landscape and ecosystem degradation. Chemical residues have the capacity to remain within soils causing detrimental impact to plants post chemical use, but also leech into waterways causing underestimated amounts of damage to flora and fauna reliant on a healthy thriving environment. Ecosystems rely on the balance of the various organisms that contribute to various biological cycles, even in disturbed urban locations that have lost or undergone significant change in the present species and their population levels. This also has a flow on impact to the health of Port Phillip Bay which CoPP as a large stakeholder has not just a responsibility to protect but an interest to preserve and enhance for the quality of the coastal landscape from Port Melbourne to Elwood/Elsternwick. The chemical residues also have the capacity to remain present on sprayed materials and be impacted by wind to cover surfaces that are nearby areas of use, namely public infrastructure the public comes into contact with which raises concerns about the exposure of residents to a substance that has been attributed to the development of cancer and classified as a class 2a carcinogen. Whilst use guidelines are provided, misuse can be easily observed; spraying prior to rain events and spraying when wind is present. Just because a dye is added to indicate spraying, doesn't mean people avoid contact, as not all members of the public are aware. Whilst there is not a 100% correlation between the development of cancer and the exposure to glyphosate products, a duty of care is required by public land managers to appropriately protect the public from a chemical deemed probably a cause of cancer. Developed as a way to maintain low weed burden in specific GM monoculture agricultural crops, Glyphosate was a needle in a haystack development that was worth more than gold to an older style of farming that was reliant on chemical controls. It should've never been made available for use by urban land managers and the general public, eventually resistance will be developed, and an alternative control method will be needed, why not investigate this now and avoid the reliance on what is a detrimental product that won't last forever. Reasonable alternative must be investigated, and the consideration of a cultural change to live and work with weeds, as they can provide benefits to the likes of insect biodiversity, which can be considered better than bare soil. Community campaigns and education around weeds, encouraging individuals to remove weeds by hand on private property and adjacent naturestrips has the capacity to reduce seed set, seed deposition thus reducing the soil seed bank over time. Overall, the consideration to reintroduce the use of glyphosate products should be deemed as naive, overlooking significant potential impacts to humans and known impacts to flora and fauna. This question must be answered to determine if Glyphosate is worth reintroducing, is the price of the chemical and the labour savings worth the damage to the environment and biodiversity? However, alternative weed management options will require council to reconsider funding relating to weed maintenance of urban spaces to gain the same outcome of blanket chemical control applications. Cheap and easy with a consequence, or doing what's right and paying more up front (which very well may end up cheaper in the long-term as it has for sustainable modern agriculture)...	Prefer not to say	Man or male	25 to 34 years				
39566	May 17, 2023, 09:37 AM	This is a terrible idea. It is very bad for rooftop and back yard bee keepers, for dogs and native wildlife. The "evidence" you cite is inconclusive and any chemicals in the food chain are to be avoided at all costs. Today's 'safe level' is tomorrow's PFAS, asbestos etc. I believe that the goals of sustainability are being undermined by the city based rationale that wants to remove all signs of nature. Today's weeds are the great survivors and provide habitat for much needed birds, insects and wild life. If you must remove so called weeds why not use steam which is effective and completely safe? It is a giant no from me..	South Melbourne	Woman or female	60 to 69 years				
39457	May 15, 2023, 10:27 AM	We should not use glyphosate at all. Look at the steam weed control.	Caulfield	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	Worker			
39769	May 28, 2023, 04:29 PM	I support it but please also include nature strips in your weed control program. I live at 23 Nightingale Street, Balaclava. I've removed weeds from the nature strip in front of my house for about forty years. I'm now almost 80 years old and I cannot keep doing it. I talked to a council worker who was removing weeds from across the street from me. I asked him why he didn't put down bark chips after doing the weeding. He said that wasn't part of the deal. Now the nature strip is getting full of weeds again.	Balaclava	Woman or female	75 to 79 years				
39481	May 16, 2023, 11:45 AM	The reintroduction of glyphosate and the assumption that it will be used correctly by those who are applying it relies heavily on the contractors doing the right thing. Not spraying pre-rain or during times of high wind is essential. Spot spraying would be most effective with less runoff onto roads and into waterways. What else is mixed in with the glyphosate and is that poisonous/ harmful to humans and/or environment? Will there be spot checks for compliance and penalties if not being used correctly? Will there be actual monitoring for effectiveness and comparison to other methods, or will this just rely on the contractor providing self-assessments?	Port Melbourne	Woman or female	35 to 49 years				
39530	May 16, 2023, 06:01 PM	If it is safe I support it	South Melbourne	Woman or female	60 to 69 years				
39604	May 17, 2023, 04:41 PM	Yes sounds good that it will improve.	St Kilda	Woman or female	60 to 69 years				

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39294	May 07, 2023, 12:23 PM	Look at what the UK are doing by planting wild seeds for pollination, even the roundabouts look better. The space around Grey Street and the sides streets have been neglected by Council and the tree squares are ugly. Please don't use weed killer, just simply pull them out occasionally! Less pink and purple circles in Acland Street, more money spent on projects that actually benefit the wider community.	St Kilda	Woman or female	50 to 59 years	Resident	English	culture; Assets and infrastructure; Business and local economy; Environment and sustainability; Equality	St Kilda/ St Kilda West
39676	May 23, 2023, 11:10 AM	Glyphosate is considered an environmental hazard (https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/Glyphosate) and should not be used. Roads, laneways and traffic treatment are generally areas where weeds are doing little damage considering they are areas lacking other plants/animals but microorganisms hence the weed control is aiming to satisfy aesthetics. I strongly object the use of an environmental hazard to improve the aesthetics of traffic infrastructure.	St Kilda East	Woman or female	50 to 59 years	Resident; Ratepayer	Other: German	Environment and sustainability	East St Kilda/ Balaclava; Elwood/ Ripponlea; Montague; Port Melbourne; Sandridge/ Wirraway; South
39515	May 16, 2023, 04:09 PM	Practical suggestion - there's no easy answer and cost effectiveness matters.	South Melbourne	Man or male	70 to 74 years				