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Dear Sir/Madam,

PESTICIDE USE IN HUNTER WATER CORPORATION'S DRINKING WATER CATCHMENTS

We are undertaking a project on behalf of Hunter Water Corporation to gather information on the pesticides currently being used in their drinking water catchments. As part of this project we are contacting relevant authorities, distributors and users to identify what pesticides are currently being sold and used.

This information will be used to help review Hunter Water Corporation's current Pesticides Monitoring Program and Health Risk Assessment for the region's drinking water supplies as required under the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

For the purpose of this project, pesticides include all **insecticides, herbicides** and **fungicides**. We require information on products which are used both close to and away from waterways, as there is the potential for all to end up in drinking water catchment waterways.

As this project is focused at gathering information, you may remain **anonymous** in your response, under which circumstances we would keep your contact information confidential and would not disclose this to Hunter Water or include it within the reporting. We would however appreciate if you could include your general 'user group' e.g. primary producer, viticulture, pest control, golf club, bowling green, bush regeneration.

We have included a table to fill out with as much information as possible:

- Pesticide products that you use (if possible restricted to Hunter Water catchments) (see attached map);
- Active ingredients in these pesticides;
- Estimate of quantities used (in the past 12 months);
- Concentrations used;
- Regions/areas used in;
- Timing and frequency of use; and
- Purpose of use.

A response table has been provided at the end of this letter for ease of providing this data.



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If you can assist by providing this information, or any details of relevant contacts that can assist, within 2 weeks it would be highly appreciated.

Please return the completed table in the pre-paid labelled envelope provided to:

Katie Newton
Advisian
8-14 Telford St
Newcastle East NSW 2300

Alternatively, your response can be emailed back to katie.newton@advisian.com or mpriestley84@gmail.com.

Feel free to contact us or the Hunter Water representative if you have any questions or wish to discuss the project further.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Katie Newton and Dr Megan Priestley

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Newton".

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