Dear

I am writing to you regarding the use of Glyphosate Based Herbicides (GBH) also known as ‘Roundup’, on school grounds.

As a parent, I am concerned about the emerging research, evidence and lawsuits that are active all over the world regarding the dangers of GBH, particularly for children.

Carey Gilliam’s recent book ‘Whitewash’ has uncovered the extent to which Monsanto went to cover-up the dangers of GBH to protect its own corporate interest. The cost of this cover-up is at the health of our next generation.

The release of the Monsanto papers confirms every ghost written paper the company produced; these documents were used as part of the weight of evidence findings that our own Australian Pesticides Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) uses to state that Roundup is safe.

Dewayne Johnson is the first person to take Monsanto to trial. 46 year old Johnson was a Groundskeeper at a District school in the US and he is now dying from Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (also known as ‘farmer’s cancer’). A Californian jury ruled in his favour and awarded him $289m. This is just the beginning because it is no longer a question about ’if’ roundup is dangerous, but ‘why’ do we keep using this toxic product proven to cause cancer.

I would like to know:

1. **Does our school use GBH on school grounds?**
2. **How is this communicated to the school community?**
3. **Can the school please provide me with the Safety Data Sheet of the GBH product in use?**
4. **Does the school use dye to indicate where it has been spraying?**
5. **What is the risk management plan in place at the school when GBH is sprayed?**
6. **What is the school’s GBH and other herbicide spraying schedule?**
7. **Does school have a policy regarding GBH use on school grounds?**
8. **How is the spray site contained given glyphosate has an average half-life in soil of 47 days?**
9. **Does our school have an audit process around the use of chemicals, specifically GBHs and how can the wider school community access this information?**
10. **Has the school considered alternatives to GBH for weed control?**

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the concerns I have raised.

Yours sincerely