

Holistic urban weed control: global trends, methods, limitations and cost benefits

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Summary This presentation addresses holistic weed management including the range of non-chemical and organic weed control methods that are being used around the world to protect public assets including kerbs, gutters, footpaths, streets, parks, schools and playgrounds. Benefits and limitations are evident for all methods, but a holistic approach provides compliance with policy, addresses community concerns over

the use of herbicides and achieves weed control and containment objectives.

But how do we balance the budget and adopt holistic weed control when conventional chemical applications are quicker and cheaper? We consider life cycle costs, downstream effects and risk assessment and to evaluate the comparative costs and benefits.