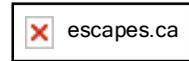


Residential pesticides should be restricted, not banned, in B.C.: Committee

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NDP leader Adrian Dix announces a bill regarding cosmetic pesticides at Vancouver's McBride Park in this May 2011 file photo. An all-party government committee has recommended that pesticides be restricted, but not banned.

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VICTORIA — An all-party government committee examining the use of cosmetic pesticides in British Columbia has recommended restrictions on their use but not an outright ban.

The recommendations appear to be in conflict with Premier Christy Clark's leadership campaign promise of a pesticide ban.

The three Opposition New Democrats on the eight-member committee say they found enough evidence to support a complete ban on the commercial use of pesticides in residential settings.

But committee Chairman Bill Bennett says there is not enough scientific evidence to call for a total ban on residential use of pesticides.

The committee makes 17 recommendations, including tightening the rules for the sale of pesticides.

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