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Cosmetic pesticides are a growing concern

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Re: Pesticide decision must respect scientific evidence, Editorial, June 6

While the connection between pesticides and cancer isn't conclusive, the Canadian Cancer Society is very concerned about the growing body of evidence suggesting pesticides may increase the risk of several types of cancers.

The Canadian Cancer Society maintains that the health of British Columbians should take precedence over perfect lawns.

Enough is known to be prudent and prevent exposure to children, especially when the use of these chemicals is unnecessary.

In this respect, prohibiting the use of cosmetic pesticides is both responsible and respectful of the state of the scientific evidence.

We hope Premier Christy Clark and Environment Minister Terry Lake continue to support eliminating the use of cosmetic pesticides in B.C. Wouldn't we all rather be safe than sorry?

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