

Liberal Party of Canada  
Policy On Cosmetic Use of Pesticides

March 16-19, 2000

At the annual convention of the Liberal Party of Canada on March 16-19, 2000 in Ottawa the delegates adopted this priority resolution:

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the federal government to introduce an immediate moratorium on the cosmetic use of chemical pesticides until such time as their use has been scientifically proven safe and the long-term consequences of their application are known.

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WHEREAS chemical pesticides are inherently toxic products designed to kill various life forms;

WHEREAS reliable ecological, non-toxic methods of pest control exist;

WHEREAS reports published in scientific journals point to strong associations between chemical pesticides and serious health consequences including: birth defects, brain cancer, breast cancer, childhood leukemia, stomach cancer, learning disabilities and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma;

WHEREAS the U.S. National Cancer Institute published a report highlighting the role of pesticides in cancer causation;

WHEREAS approximately 80 percent of all Canadians live and work in (sub) urban areas which allow cosmetic use of pesticides;

WHEREAS homeowners and the chemical lawn care industry use products that have never been adequately tested or monitored for their chronic, synergistic (in-combination) and other effects on human and animal health in residential areas where young children, pregnant women, elderly and other susceptible Canadians are exposed to pesticides;

WHEREAS many of the "safety tests" used to test these products are fundamentally inadequate;

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WHEREAS Canada's Minister of Health is charged with "the promotion or preservation of the health of the people of Canada";

WHEREAS the health risks of chemical pesticide use are of growing concern to the Canadian public;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the federal government to introduce an immediate moratorium on the cosmetic use of chemical pesticides until such a time as their use has been scientifically proven to be safe and the long-term consequences of their application are known