

Election Signage Fact Sheet

SAFETY IS A PRIORITY

Council must ensure that the safety of all users of Council controlled land is not compromised by placement of signage.
Council supports sensible and safe activities during democratic processes and allows the installation of election signs under certain conditions.

WHAT ARE ELECTION SIGNS?

Election signs are any freestanding advertising device identifying candidates and/or promoting a political party at local, state or federal government elections.
Election signs are not to be placed before the official notification of an election and are to be removed within seven days of the election.

SITE SELECTION AND LATERAL PLACEMENT

Election signs will be subject to the following criteria:

- Election signs must always be located as close as practicable to the property boundary and parallel to it. This is particularly important in urban areas for safety reasons.
- No portion of an election sign shall project over the carriageway or any surface used by motor vehicles.
- Election signs must be non-rotating and must not be illuminated or incorporate reflective or fluorescent materials.
- The maximum size of an election sign is 0.6m2.
- Election signs must not interfere with the operation of a road or other property under the control of Council.
- Election signs must be located so as not to:
  - distract motorists, restrict sight distances on approaches to intersections,
  - restrict the visibility of other authorised signs, or
  - otherwise impact on safety.
- The placement of an election sign must not cause a safety hazard to other traffic (for example, pedestrians or cyclists).
- Election signs must not be fastened to trees or road infrastructure (for example, signs or guardrails).
- Signs must be made of a material that is designed to be easily broken such as corflute. The stake or frame on which the sign is fastened should have a cross section measurement of not more than 55mm x 25mm.

Council Owned Land
Election signs are not to be erected on Council owned land or other lands under Council control such as parks, sports grounds etc.

Privately Owned Land/Premises
The permission of the land owner/occupier is required for the erection of Election Signage on privately owned land or for the attachment of any election material directly to a fence or building.

The following location requirements apply for election signs:

- In rural areas where the speed limit is 80km/h or less, election signs must be located at least three and a half metres from the edge of the nearest traffic lane.
- In rural areas where the speed limit is greater than 80km/h, election signs must be located at least six metres from the edge of the nearest traffic lane.

Signs requiring approval
Specific approval is required for signs that do not comply with the requirements outlined above. Applications are assessed on their merits.

Other criteria
The candidate accepts full liability for any claims arising from the placement of election signs.

ELECTORAL OFFICE

The Australian Electoral Commission / Electoral Commission of Queensland requires that Election Signage clearly states on each sign under whose authority the sign is displayed. Please contact the Australian Electoral Commission / Electoral Commission of Queensland for more details.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS

The requirements of the Department of Transport and Main Roads must be complied for all signage within state-controlled road corridors. Please contact the Department for further details.
Where there is any conflict between Council and Department of Transport and Main Roads requirements, where election sign requirements cause a road safety or traffic efficiency problem for a state-controlled road, the Transport and Main Roads requirements take precedence.

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