

## What is an Election Sign?

Election signs are defined in the following: Rockhampton Regional Council Subordinate Local Law 1.4 (Installation of Advertising Devices) 2019; and the *Queensland Electoral Act 1992*. Election signs must meet the following criteria:

- Promote a specific candidate or political party
- Communicate any message in regards to an election referendum
- Display the name and address (other than a post office box) of the person who authorised the sign
- Cannot be defamatory or offensive.



## Election Signs on Private Properties and Fences

An election sign can be placed on private land and privately owned fences provided:

- It is properly secured and not likely to become airborne in times of high wind
- The candidate has secured the permission of the owner or occupier of the land
- Is not defamatory or offensive.

Non-compliant signage must be removed or penalties may apply.

## Election Signs on Council Controlled Roads

Election signs may be displayed on Council controlled roads, but must comply with the following conditions:

- The sign must be made of a material that is designed to be easily broken, for example, a corflute sign on a timber stake
- The sign must be kept in good order and repair
- The sign must not cause a risk, or increase risk to community
- Must not obstruct, or be likely to obstruct, pedestrians or bicycle movements on a walkway or bikeway
- Must not be positioned in a way that obstructs or hinders access to a property
- Must not be positioned in a way that does not provide clear sight lines for drivers of vehicles and pedestrians, particularly at intersections
- Must not create or increase a traffic problem
- Must not be exhibited in a traffic island or roundabout
- Must not otherwise obstruct the safe operation of a carriageway, including bike path and footpaths
- Must not be nailed or screwed to trees and vegetation
- Must not be affixed to Council buildings
- Must not be affixed to traffic signs, signals, poles etc
- Must not be erected in a way that damages Council infrastructure such as irrigation systems
- Must be properly secured using wooden stakes in the ground
- Must not be defamatory or offensive
- Must not cover another sign
- Must not exceed a maximum size of 1.1m<sup>2</sup>.

Signage placed on Council controlled roads prior to the calling of an election is not deemed to be election signage and any non-compliant signage may result in the impounding of the signage and/ or infringements being issued.

## Election Signs on Council Controlled Areas and Facilities

Election signage cannot be placed on Council controlled areas and facilities. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Parks and playground equipment
- Trees and other vegetation
- Buildings
- Local Government Offices.

Election signage on Council controlled areas and facilities may result in the impounding of the signage and/or infringements being issued.

## Other Advertising Material

Other advertising material such as flyers and how to vote cards must be distributed in a thoughtful way.

The *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* deals with the delivery of advertising material. In short the Act states:

- You must not place documents on a motor vehicle without the express consent of the owner or driver
- You must not attach documents to any buildings or fixed structures without the express consent of the owner or occupier
- You must not deliver material to a mailbox that displays a sign "No Junk Mail", "No Advertising Material", "Australia Post Mail Only" or words to similar effect
- You must ensure that material is delivered to a mailbox or under the front door of the property.

## Gaining Permission

Council cannot grant approval for other levels of Government or electricity infrastructure. Please ensure you gain permission from the correct organisation or entity for your sign placement:

- Private Property – owner/occupier consent;
- State and Federal Roads – Department of Transport and Main Roads;
- Light and Electricity Poles – Ergon;
- Other Government Departments – contact the relevant Government Department.



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