Election Signage

What is an Election Sign?

Election signs are defined in both the Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme (2015) and the Queensland Electoral Act. Election signs must meet the following criteria:

- promote a specific candidate or political party
- communicate any message in regard to an election referendum
- is displayed for no more than six weeks prior to the date of the election and no longer than one week thereafter
- 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:

- only one sign is displayed per property
- 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 to be defamatory or offensive
- does not exceed a maximum size of 1.2m^2.

Non-compliant signage must be removed unless a development permit is obtained. The owner may face enforcement action if compliance with the Planning Scheme is not achieved.

Election Signs on Council Controlled Roads

Signs that do not meet the above requirements are not to be placed on Council controlled roads.

Where election signs do meet the above requirements and are placed on Council controlled roads, signs:

- 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 obstruct the view or flow of traffic and pedestrians
- must not be defamatory or offensive
- must not cover another sign
- must not exceed a maximum size of 1.2m^2.

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;
- buildings; and
- local government offices.

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

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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 mail box 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 mail box 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; and
- Other government – contact the relevant Government Department.

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