

Election Signage

Local Government Act 2009

FACT SHEET

Display Period

Election signs must not be erected or displayed until an election has been officially announced by the Government Gazette.

At the conclusion of the election polling day, election signs must be removed within 7 days.

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 reserves, regularly maintained by Council
- Playground equipment
- Buildings; and
- Local Government offices.

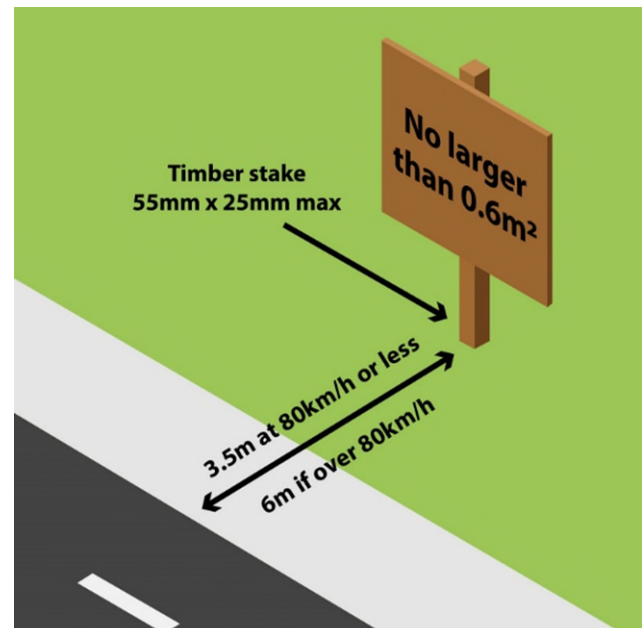
Election signage on council-controlled areas and facilities may result in confiscation of the signage.

Parks and Reserves – Mobile Office

Candidates are permitted to occupy a small space to discuss issues with constituents – setting up a fold-up table, chair, and an a-frame sign, and they must be in an appropriate location with regard to public safety. No marquees, pegs, or access to power is permitted.

Election Signage on Vehicles

The display of election signage on vehicles is regulated under state legislation and by the Queensland Police Service. Notwithstanding, parking laws remain applicable and all vehicles must be legally parked.



Election Signage Size and Distance

- Signs must be installed no closer than 3.5m from the road edge – where the speed limit is 80km or less;
- Signs must be installed no closer than 6.0m from the road edge – where the speed limit is 80km or more;
- Signs must be no greater than 0.6m².

Election Signage on Private Property

Election signage on private property is permitted. Signs must be displayed/affixed within the property boundary.

Putting up Election Signs

DO	
✓	MUST be installed only after the official announcement of the government election
✓	MUST be of a frangible material and have a size no greater than 0.6m ²
✓	MUST only be installed, erected, or displayed by a person who accepts liability for any claims arising from the installation, erection or display of the election sign
✓	MUST be installed no closer than 3.5m from the road edge where the speed is 80kmh or less
✓	MUST be installed no closer than 6m from the road edge where the speed is 80kmh or greater
✓	MUST be removed within 7 days after the election polling day

DON'T	
✗	MUST NOT obstruct pedestrians or cyclists
✗	MUST NOT obstruct or interrupt the flow of traffic, protrude over the road, or interfere with the road's operation
✗	MUST NOT be attached to Council infrastructure such as trees, fences and guard rails
✗	MUST NOT be located on centre medians or roundabouts
✗	MUST NOT cause a safety hazard to any traffic
✗	MUST NOT be installed in the clear zone for a road
✗	MUST NOT cause or contribute to driver distraction
✗	MUST NOT restrict the sight distance on any approach to an intersection
✗	MUST NOT restrict the visibility of authorised signs
✗	MUST NOT rotate, be illuminated, or use reflective or fluorescent materials
✗	MUST NOT be located on a highway, freeway, or roads of a similar standard
✗	MUST NOT leave election signage a-frames unattended



Other Important Information

The following requirements apply to Election Signage:

- Guidelines issued under the Commonwealth *Electoral Act 1918*.
 - Department of Transport and Main Roads Election Signage Guidelines
 - Fraser Coast Regional Council Local Laws.
- Signs on State controlled roads are the responsibility of the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Further Information

For the latest information on divisional maps, election dates, enrolment, electoral rolls, voting, and nominations, visit:

- Electoral Commission Queensland
www.ecq.qld.gov.au
- Australian Electoral Commission
www.aec.gov.au

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