



## Regulation of Election signage

In accordance with the Local Government Act, and Council's Local Laws, there are requirements in relation to the placement of advertisements throughout Western Downs. This fact sheet is designed to provide guidance to interested parties in relation to the display of election signage.

### Do Council Local Laws apply to election signage?

Council has received advice that states (in summary):

- Subordinate Local Law No 1.4 (Installation of Advertising Devices) *does not apply* to election signage; and
- Local Law No 4 (Local Government Areas, Facilities and Roads) *can apply* to election signage and may be enforced where signage is placed inappropriately on a road.

### I want to display election signage on Council Controlled Roads. What do I need to do?

Public safety is of paramount importance to Council. There are substantial ramifications for candidates and for Council in the event of an injury being caused by election signage.

For this reason, Council will enforce its Local Law No 4 in certain situations where election signage is inappropriately placed and either causing a nuisance or causing a public safety hazard. Some examples of inappropriate signage include:

- Election signs placed in a position where they restrict drivers vision – ie near intersections, on roundabouts;
- Election signs that obstruct official road signage or guide posts or that are placed too close to the roadway;
- Election signs placed on footpaths that may cause a potential tripping hazard; or
- Election signs placed in busy pedestrian areas (such as Main Streets) where the signs may impede normal pedestrian movements.

### I want to display election signage on Council owned land or facilities, can I do this?

No. The display of election signage on Council property, such as public parks, buildings etc, is inappropriate and will be considered similar to a trespass, and will not be permitted.

### I want to display election signage on State Controlled Roads, what do I need to do?

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) regulates the display of signage, and depositing of goods on all state controlled roads. The display of election signs and posters on state controlled roads must be in accordance with DTMR policies in relation to such activities. Contact should be made directly with DTMR to determine their requirements.

### I want to display election signage on Private Property. What do I need to do?

Western Downs Regional Council does not regulate the placement of election signs on private property, but the sign placement should not detract from the visual amenity of the area. Properties displaying excessive numbers of election signs may be required to remove some or all of the signs.

Please note that where signs are placed on a private property and those signs are visible from a state controlled road, approval from DTMR will also be required

### How soon after the election am I required to remove the sign?

Candidates must arrange for election signage to be removed within 10 days after the declaration of the Poll.

For further information,  
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