



SOUTH BURNETT
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Election Signage

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This factsheet provides information about election signage to be displayed on, or adjacent to a road, including both state and local government-controlled road corridors.

What are election signs?

An election sign is any freestanding advertising device identifying a candidate or promoting a political party at a local, state or federal government election.

An election sign is a sign or poster that is able, or is intended, to:

- influence a person about voting at any government election; or
- affect the result of any government election.

Road safety

Council has control of all roads (other than state-controlled roads) in its local government area. Council is obliged to ensure the public health and safety of road users, including vehicular and pedestrian traffic on roads in the local government area of Council. It is important that election signs are only erected during the period leading up to the election and that the election signs are removed after the election in a sensible and safe manner.

What are the election sign conditions?

An election sign must:

- not have a face area in excess of 1m²; and
- not be displayed on a local government-controlled area or a road;
- not be displayed unless, prior to the display of the advertising device, the advertiser for the advertising device has given written notice to the local government of the place at which the advertising device will be displayed;
- if the advertising device is about a government election, be removed by the advertiser of the advertising device within seven (7) days of the date of the government election;
- not cause a nuisance;
- not cause obstruction of, or distraction to pedestrian or vehicular traffic; and
- not cause damage to public infrastructure.

Each candidate for a government election who intends to display election signs about the election must pay a security bond to secure compliance with the requirements of the local laws of Council including, without limitation, the requirement to remove each election sign within seven (7) days of the date of the government election.

The display of election signs on land (other than a local government-controlled area) must be limited to one (1) election sign on the land.

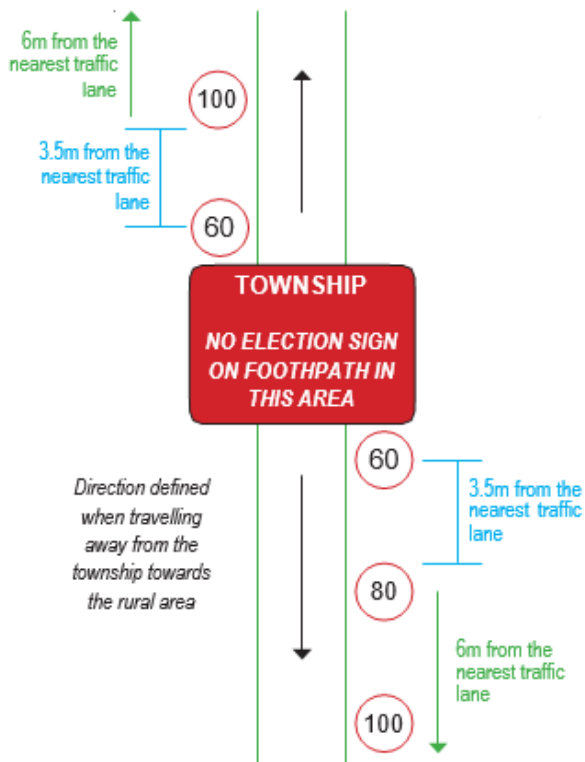
It is the responsibility of the advertiser for an election sign to request the refund of the security bond from Council once all the advertiser's election signage has been removed.

Where do I place election signs on state-controlled roads?

The Roadside Advertising Manual of the Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads prescribes requirements about the display of election signs on state-controlled roads, including:

- an election sign shall be limited to a single sign constructed from a light frangible material and less than 0.6m² in size;
- election signs shall not be illuminated or incorporated reflective or fluorescent materials;
- election signs shall be located next to, and parallel to, the property alignment;
- no portion of an election sign shall project over the carriageway or any surface used by motor vehicles;
- the placement of an election sign shall not cause a safety hazard to other traffic (for example, pedestrians or cyclists);
- election signs shall not be located so as to restrict sight distances on approaches to intersections or to restrict the visibility of other authorised signs;
- in rural areas where the speed limit is 80km/h or less, elections signs must be located no closer to the road edge than 3.5m;

- in rural areas where the speed limit is greater than 80km/h, election signs must be located no closer to the road edge than 6m; and
- election signs shall not be fastened to trees or road infrastructure.



Further Information?

For further information in relation to election signage in the South Burnett region or would like to speak with a Council officer, you can contact Council via one of the following methods:

- ✉ South Burnett Regional Council
PO Box 336
KINGAROY QLD 4610
- ☎ (07) 4189 9100
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- 👤 Visiting a Customer Service Centre