

# Election Signage



This fact sheet outlines the requirements in relation to the location and construction of election signs in the Lockyer Valley Regional Council area.

## What are election signs?

Election signs are any free standing advertising device identifying candidates and/or promoting a political party at local, state or federal government elections.

## Who makes the rules?

Council is responsible for assessing the safety and amenity impacts of signage on private property, Council and on local roads.

For requirements on state controlled roads please visit the Department of Transport and Main Roads website.

## Disclaimer

Candidates should note that Council is not responsible for the regulation of the printed content and format of any election signs. This is the responsibility of the relevant Electoral Commission.

## Safety first

Queensland law cover the placement and type of election signs that can be placed beside a road.

These laws are to ensure:

- road users are not distracted by the signs
- road users (pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle) have a clear line of vision
- pedestrian and vehicular movements are not impeded
- official road signs are not obscured.

**NON-COMPLIANT SIGNS MAY BE REMOVED**

# The election sign must:

## Display period:

- not be erected or displayed until the election has been officially announced
- be removed within 7 days of the election polling day

## Construction:

- be no greater than 0.6m<sup>2</sup> in size
- be made of material that is designed to be easily broken
- the timber stake or frame on which the sign is fastened be made of a material that is designed to be easily broken, and have a cross section measurement of not more than 55mm x 25mm
- not rotate or be illuminated
- not use reflective or fluorescent materials

## Location:

- be located so as not to distract motorists, restrict sight distances on approaches to intersections, and obstruct the view of road traffic signs or otherwise impact on safety
- not be located on a motorway, freeway or roads of a similar standard
- be located at least three and a half metres from the edge of the nearest traffic lane on roads where the speed limit is 80km/hr or less
- be located at least six metres from the edge of the nearest traffic lane on roads where the speed limit is over 80km/hr
- not be located on centre medians or roundabouts

## Placement:

- not be attached to trees/vegetation or Council infrastructure (for example, trees, vegetation, road signs, guard rails etc.)
- be located as close as practicable to the property boundary
- not hinder the flow of traffic, protrude over the road or interfere with the roads operation (this includes a person holding or waving an election sign)

