

# Election Signage Policy

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## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process for managing election signage during Commonwealth, State and Local Government, elections.

## Commencement of Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption by Council. It replaces all other policies (whether written or not). Council may amend this policy by resolution.

## Application

The policy will apply to all Commonwealth, State and Local Government, State and Federal election candidates, campaign personnel and relevant stakeholders involved in placing of Election Signs.

## Policy

Council recognises and respects the implied constitutional freedom to communicate to the public about political matters.

Council will use its best endeavours to inform election candidates, campaign personnel and other known relevant stakeholders of the content of this Policy prior to each Commonwealth, State and Local Government election.

It is not the intention of Council to regulate or prohibit the placement of Election Signs on private property unless it is patently evident that the placement of the election sign/s creates a significant safety risk for any person who is lawfully using an adjacent road or public place.

However, Election Signs are not permitted to be placed on Council owned or controlled Land (including roads, reserves etc) where the signage:

- Might cause damage to any Council asset (including trees, signs, furniture, buildings);
- Might have a substantial impact on the visual and other amenity of the land;
- Might create a safety or other hazard to any person on or near the land;
- Might cause an obstruction to vehicle or pedestrian traffic;
- Is on council owned or controlled land that is under lease with a third party; and
- Is excessive (more than two signs) and restrictive to other candidates.

The Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, may be required to impose conditions on the use of council owned or controlled land where it becomes apparent safety is compromised and/or the above is not adhered to.

The Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, may require any application to be made in writing in a prescribed form.

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Officers appointed as Authorised Persons will remove and impound Election Signs from Council Land when they are deemed to be in contravention to this Policy and other state agency guidelines.

All election signage must adhere to Electoral Commission of Queensland guidelines and [Queensland Government's election Sign guidelines](#).

## Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every **three years**, or as required due to changes to in legislation.

## Definitions

**Authorised Person** means a suitably qualified Council employee or contractor, or an agency employee appointed by an instrument of appointment with authority to undertake certain legislative powers, functions or duties on behalf of Murweh Shire Council.

**Council Land** means any land owned, controlled or cared for by Council

**Election Sign** means any advertising device identifying and/or promoting a candidate, group or political party at a Local, State or Commonwealth Government election.

**Council** means Murweh Shire Council

## References

- *Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2012 (the "Administration Local Law")*
- *Subordinate Local Law No. 1.4 (Installation of Advertising Devices) 2012 (the "Advertising Subordinate Local Law")*
- *Subordinate Local Law No. 1.14 (Undertaking Regulated Activities on Local Government Controlled Areas and Roads) 2012 (the "Regulated Activities Subordinate Local Law")*
- *Electoral Act 1992 (Qld)*
- *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*
- *Transport Operations (Road Use Management - Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2015*
- *Guides for Candidates - for Local Government Quadrennial Elections & By-Elections (available from the ECQ)*
- *Guide for Candidates – for State Government Elections & By-Elections (available from the ECQ)*
- *Candidates Handbook – Federal elections and By-elections (available from the AEC)*
- *Election Signs - Queensland Government ([www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/signs/election-signs](http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/signs/election-signs))*
- *Roadside Advertising Manual (Department of Transport and Main Roads) Edition 4 2022.*
- *Signs and promotional objects in State-Controlled Road Corridors (Department of Transport and Main Roads)*
- *Ancillary Works and Encroachments in State – Controlled Road Corridors (Department of Transport and Main Roads) 2017.*

## Version Control

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