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## Election Signage in State-Controlled Road Corridors

This fact sheet outlines the requirements in relation to the location and construction of election signs.

### 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.

### Safety first

Queensland laws cover the placement and type of election signs that can be placed beside a road. These laws are necessary 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.

### Who sets the rules?

Local governments manage election signs located within private property and on local roads. Some local governments have an agreement to manage election signs on state-controlled roads. This fact sheet may not be applicable if election signs are managed by the local government. Please check the specific requirements for your area with the relevant local government.

However, even in cases where election signs are managed by the local government, Department of Transport and Main Roads can still take compliance action if an election sign creates a road safety or traffic efficiency problem on a state-controlled road.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has no authority over the content of election signs. This is the responsibility of the relevant Electoral Commission.



**Too close to the road.**



**Affixed to a road sign.**



**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 (or less if required by the relevant local government)

### Construction:

- be no greater than 0.6m<sup>2</sup> in size
- be made of a 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, 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 Department of Transport and Main Roads infrastructure (for example, 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 road's operation (this includes a person holding or waving an election sign)
- not obstruct pedestrians and cyclists (including people using a mobility device).

**Any sign or promotional device that does not meet the above criteria (such as a vehicle or trailer) will need to be approved by your local TMR District office.**

### Liability

The candidate accepts liability for any claims arising from the placement of election signs.

For further information on election signs in a state-controlled road corridor, please contact your District office at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/About-us/Contact-us/In-person/Roads-offices.aspx](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/About-us/Contact-us/In-person/Roads-offices.aspx)