

# 2024 ELECTION SIGNAGE

## FACT SHEET

It is not the intention of Council to regulate or prohibit the placement of election signs within the region.

Council recognises the important role of election campaign signage in the democratic process. For the information of the election candidates and campaign teams, Council has provided the following to provide clarity as to the installation and regulation of signage within the region for the purposes of the upcoming Local Government Election on 16 March 2024.

### SIGNAGE ON COUNCIL OWNED AND CONTROLLED LAND

Signs must not be placed or affixed to council buildings, structures, facilities, road furniture, road signs, trees, vegetation and any other council owned and controlled infrastructure.

Signs must be self-supported with one or two timber stakes and installed and secured to not become airborne.

Signs must not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic and the legal use of roads, footpaths and public spaces.

Signs must not create a safety or other hazard to any person on or near the land.

Signs must be kept and maintained in good order by the candidate or campaign teams. When signs are dislodged, defaced or damaged in any way, the candidate or campaign team must recover and remove the sign.

### SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Signs on private property are permitted unless it is evident that the placement of signage creates a significant safety risk for any person who is lawfully using an adjacent road or public place.

You must gain the express consent of the owner/occupier of the private property to place signage on the property.

### POLLING BOOTHS AND CAMPAIGN SITES

Signage at polling booths or pre-polling locations must comply with relevant Federal and State electoral legislation.

### SIGNS ON STATE CONTROLLED ROADS

Information on the requirements for election signage on State-controlled roads is available on the Department of Transport and Main Roads website [www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/signs/electionsigns](http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/signs/electionsigns)

### SIGNAGE REMOVAL

Council Officers appointed as Authorised Persons may remove and impound election signs from Council owned and controlled areas when they are deemed to be a risk and/or nuisance. Should a sign be impounded, the owner of the sign or their delegate may retrieve the sign by contacting Maranoa Regional Council on 1300 007 662.

Once the election campaign is finalised, it is the sole responsibility of the candidate or campaign teams to remove all signage and make good any defects where the sign was placed. Council requests all signage to be removed at least seven (7) days after election day (16 March 2024).

*Please note that all signage must comply with relevant Federal and State electoral legislation.*



For more information about the upcoming election, please scan the QR code