

Fact Sheet

2018 COUNCIL ELECTION SIGNS

Candidates seeking to erect election signs during the 2018 Local Government Election are required to comply with strict legislative requirements under the *Local Government (Elections) Act*, the *Local Government Act 1999* and the Local Government Association's [Election Signs – General Approval Guidelines](#) ("Guidelines"). The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure ("DPTI") and SA Power Networks ("SAPN") have provided a general approval for candidates to place election signs on their infrastructure, subject to compliance with the Guidelines.

Election Sign means a moveable sign (ie corflutes) related to the Local Government elections, and may be further defined in the *Local Government Act 1999*, the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999* and the Guidelines.

If an Election Sign does not comply with the *Local Government Act 1999*, *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999* or the Guidelines, Council may order the owner of the sign to remove the sign. If the owner is unknown or the owner fails to comply immediately Council may remove and dispose of the sign without providing notice.

By erecting an Election Sign, the person erecting the sign (or any persons acting on their behalf):

- accepts that the Election Sign must comply with the Guidelines;
- accepts full responsibility for any consequential personal injury, property damage or other loss; and
- acknowledges that Council, SAPN or DPTI have no liability or responsibility regarding such matters whatsoever, and
- agrees to indemnify Council, SAPN and DPTI against any consequential personal injury or property damage or other loss incurred by the Council, SAPN, DPTI, or any third party.

Election Signs can:

- ✓ be erected without Council approval during the period commencing 4 weeks prior to the close of voting (ie 12 October 2018 – 9 November 2018)
- ✓ must be removed within 48 hours of the close of voting (ie 9 November 2018)
- ✓ Council by-laws do not apply
- ✓ must be no more than 1 square metre, but back-to-back signs facing two directions are considered to be one sign
- ✓ if erected on poles adjacent to footpaths or roadways, must be placed no lower than 2 metres from the ground, and have a maximum height of 3 metres from the ground
- ✓ must have a clearance of 3 metres from any overhead mains
- ✓ must be designed, made and presented in a quality manner, and be securely fixed or posted and maintained in good repair and condition at all times
- ✓ must contain clear and legible writing or symbols and include, on the face of the sign, the name, phone/email and address of the publisher and printer
- ✓ must be securely fixed so that they do not become detached in high winds or endanger property or equipment, or pose a danger to the public
- ✓ must be installed, maintained and removed in a safe manner without endangering person and community safety



- ✓ must comply with legislative requirements relating to the publication of 'electoral material'

Election Signs must not:

- ✗ unreasonably restrict the use of the road or endanger the safety of members of the public (includes during installation, removal and maintenance)
- ✗ that are not removed within 48 hours of the close of voting on 9 November 2018 will be considered illegal signs (penalties may apply – see Guidelines)
- ✗ be installed, maintained or removed between 7.00am and 10.00am or between 3.00pm and 7.00pm Monday to Friday on a peak flow traffic, and must not cause any traffic disruptions
- ✗ be placed on privately-owned or Council-owned land, property or infrastructure without prior permission of the private owner or Council
- ✗ be erected higher than 3 metres from the ground
- ✗ be illuminated (internally or indirectly), move, flash, rotate or reflect (so as to distract drivers)
- ✗ be self-adhesive and must be affixed to infrastructure using non-invasive means that do not damage the infrastructure. If using a paste, it must be water based/wallpaper type or similar
- ✗ be affixed to trees, shrubs or plants in a way that might damage property
- ✗ be erected on a carriageway, median strip, traffic island, roundabout, or within 50 metres of a traffic intersection, level crossing, roundabout or pedestrian activated crossing.
- ✗ be placed within 6 metres of an intersection or junction, or at a location that creates a hazard to pedestrians or road users
- ✗ must not be attached to a traffic control device, street name, traffic direction or parking sign (or associated pole)
- ✗ be erected on poles or towers that carry electricity transmission lines
- ✗ be attached to SAPN pad-mounted transformers or switching cubicles
- ✗ be attached to fences around SAPN equipment
- ✗ cover Council, SAPN or DPTI numbering, signs or other markings
- ✗ be placed on DPTI structures, except for on "gooseneck" light poles. Structures belonging to DPTI include road bridges on arterial road, traffic control boxed, traffic signal poles, signal boxed, traffic signs, directional and information signs and other traffic control devices, guide posts, traffic barriers and pedestrian fences located within the road reserve
- ✗ be placed in a location on a pole or fence so as to aid the climbing of the pole or fence
- ✗ be placed so as to restrict the sign distance for road users and pedestrians crossing the road
- ✗ compete with or reduce the effectiveness of other signs and traffic control devices
- ✗ resemble a traffic control device, or reasonably be capable of being mistaken as a traffic control device (must not be installed on the diagonal)
- ✗ advertise any organisation other than a registered political party or candidate
- ✗ be installed on railway or tramline structures without permission from the relevant rail authority

Please contact the Regulatory Services Section for further information or questions.

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