

Policy

Title: Election Signage

Category: Corporate Governance

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1. Objectives

To ensure that any form of advertising on Council owned and Council controlled land is prohibited to enable the Council to retain its apolitical status during election campaigns and to ensure that all candidates are subject to the same level of opportunity to display election signage.

2. Background

This policy was developed in response to issues arising from past election campaigns to assist in administering the arrangements for electoral advertising.

3. Policy

1. Placement of electoral signage during an election campaign period in the Hobart municipal area is subject to the following:

- (i) the length of display of any sign at one location does not exceed the defined election campaign period;
- (ii) signs are to be properly supported and maintained;
- (iii) signs are not to project over footpaths;
- (iv) signs are to be removed at the conclusion of the election campaign;
- (v) prior permission for the placement of signs must be obtained by the sign owner from the relevant property owner; and
- (vi) no sign is to be placed on Council owned or Council controlled property or infrastructure. Any signs that are placed on property owned or controlled by the Council will be removed by Council staff.

2. The Hobart City Council does not permit any election advertising signage to be affixed to any Council owned or Council controlled land save and except that election candidates will be permitted to display election signage on registered vehicles on Council controlled highways (including metered spaces) and car parks.
3. This policy applies to Federal, State and Local Government elections and any other elections that may be conducted.

4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Election Campaign Period	(i) For Federal and State elections, from the date on which the election writ is issued until 7 days after the election day; and (ii) For Local Government elections, from the date of publication of the Notice of Election until 7 days after the close of poll.
Location	any one property
Electoral Signage	any graphic, pictorial or written display that can be viewed from a public street and that promotes a candidate or political party vying for election in a Federal, State or Local Government election or any other elections that may be conducted.

Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services
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