

COUNCIL
POLICY

Election Campaigns – Regulation of Public Areas

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1. Purpose

To regulate the use of public areas by candidates, and persons assisting candidates, during campaigning for Federal, State and Local Government Elections.

2. Conditions

The following conditions are to apply to candidates, and persons assisting candidates, campaigning in public areas leading up to and during Federal, State and Local Government elections.

1. Pedestrian access must be maintained and not obstructed at any time.
2. No more than two standard "A" frames/display equivalent are to be erected and appropriately secured at any one time and be placed within 6 metres of the candidate and/or a person/s assisting candidates, where practicable against any fence or wall.
3. At any pre-poll voting centre, candidates and/or a person/s assisting candidates must not place an "A" frames/display equivalent within 6 metres of the entrance to the pre-poll centre.
4. At any polling place, on Election Day, candidates and/or a person/s assisting candidates must not place an "A" frames/display equivalent within 6 metres of the entrance to the polling place.
5. No election material is to be affixed to any structure, building, tree, telegraph pole, vehicle (inclusive of trailer), push bike, fixture or the like in a public space, (other than that attached to the "A" frame/display equivalent or card table and in accordance with point 2 above).
6. No spruiking or amplifiers are to be used.
7. Pamphlets/leaflets are to be contained and not left unattended.
8. All materials including "A" frames/display equivalent, card tables and chairs, and pamphlets/leaflets must be removed when vacating the area.
9. Area must be kept in a clean and tidy condition during and after campaigning.
10. Any material dropped on the ground must be immediately picked up and retained by the candidate and/or a person/s assisting candidates.
11. No banners or posters are to be erected within public areas, except for one small banner no larger than the approved size for an election poster, which must be attached to the standard "A" frames / display equivalent or card table.
12. Notwithstanding the conditions outlined above, no election material is to be displayed or distributed during Council sponsored events, including but not limited to Ferragosto and Concord Carnival.

Council reserves the right to impound, any article/s:

- Where the article/s are deemed to be election material that is/are left unattended on public land in accordance with the Impounding Act, 1993,
- The article is in breach of this Policy.