

Election Signage

7 April 2022

Legislation for Election Signs

Scenic Rim Regional Council supports freedom of communication in regards to the display of election signs. An election sign may only be exhibited in a manner prescribed under Council's local laws and an approval is required for the exhibition of election signs.

Council's Local Law No.1 (Administration) 2011 and Subordinate Local Law No.1.4 (Installation of Advertising Devices) 2011 are the relevant pieces of legislation that administer the display of Election signage in the Scenic Rim region. Links to the complete versions are provided below:-

Local Law 1

<https://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/1229/local-law-no-1-administration-2011>

Subordinate Local Law 1.4

<https://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/1244/subordinate-local-law-1-4-installation-of-advertising-devices-2011>

Definition: An election sign is a temporary sign advertising or promoting a political candidate or candidates, a registered political party, or a campaign for a Commonwealth, State or Local Government election, during an election period or in relation to a referendum.

It is important that candidates and their support teams are familiar with the laws surrounding signage in the Scenic Rim Regional Council area and that they comply with the requirements.

Election Signage Application Form

An application must be lodged to commence erecting Election signs. No erection of Election signs can occur until an election has been announced by the Government Gazette and an Election Sign Application has been lodged and approved. No application fee applies to this application. Please see below link to this form:- <https://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/1086/election-signage-approval-application>

Election signs on roads (including road reserves)

Examples where an election sign exhibited on a road can be removed are provided below. Council officers can remove immediately any election sign on a road that:

- is considered a risk to road safety; or
- is considered a risk to public health or safety; or
- exceeds 0.54 m² (unless the election sign is displayed on an approved advertisement).

Election signs on vehicles

Council does not regulate election signs on vehicles parked on roads however a vehicle exhibiting an election sign on a road must be parked in accordance with the requirements of the Queensland Road Rules.

Election signs on private property

Consent for the exhibition of an election sign on private property is a matter between the candidate and/or party and the property owner.

Council officers can take action when the exhibition of the election sign

- is considered a risk to road safety; or
- is considered a risk to public health or safety; or
- exceeds 0.54 m² (unless the election sign is displayed on an approved advertisement).

Election signs on Council property

Council property does not include a road.

Council officers can remove immediately any election sign that is placed on any Council property or a Council asset.

Council property means trust land, a reserve, or premises of which the local government is the owner or occupier (e.g. council land, a council building, a park or a depot).

Council asset means a fixture, chattel, material, plant, animal, thing or other tangible property of which the local government is the owner or occupier (e.g. a fence on council property, council machinery, council signs and playground equipment).

Election Signs on State controlled road corridors (main roads)

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has authorised Council to control election signage on state controlled roads (main roads). Please refer to the following link for full details of main roads requirements.

<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Maps-and-guides/Queensland-State-controlled-roads-and-region-maps>

Main roads within Scenic Rim local government area boundaries


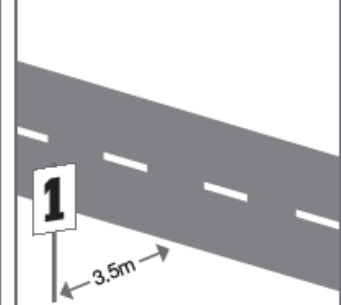
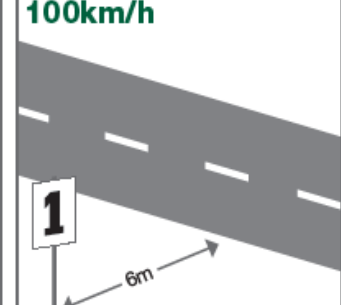
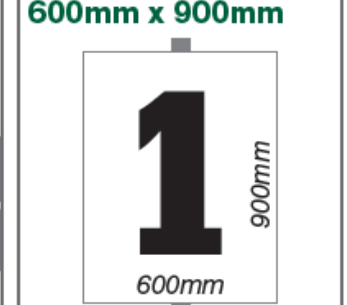



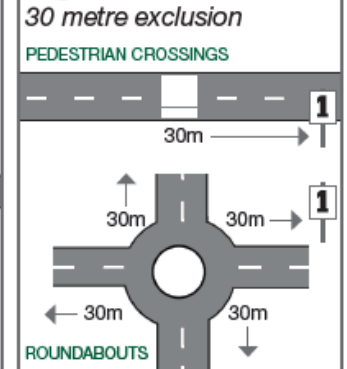
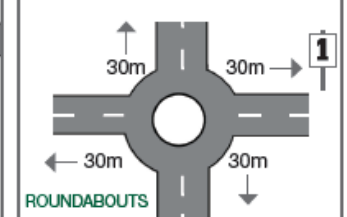
- Mt Lindesay Highway
- Main Western Road
- Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road
- Beaudesert-Nerang Road
- Beaudesert-Boonah Road
- Waterford-Tamborine Road
- Tamborine Mountain Road
- Cunningham Highway
- Mundoolon Connection Road
- Ipswich Boonah Road
- Boonah-Rathdowney Road
- Boonah Fassifern Road
- Running Creek Road
- Beechmont Road
- Binna Burra Road
- Lamington National Park Road
- Tamborine Nerang Road
- Mt Alford Road
- Maroon Dam Road
- Moogerah Connection Road
- Warrill View Peak Crossing Road
- Rosewood Warrill View Road
- Kalbar Connection Road
- Carneys Creek Road
- Lake Moogerah Road

Candidates are encouraged to check with Council if unsure about the jurisdiction over a particular road.

Placement of Election Signs on Roads

Please refer below which provides a guide to suitable locations and placement of election signs on roads. Again, An application must be lodged to commence erecting Election signs on roads or other controlled areas. Election signs placed in non-approved or unsafe locations will be removed and seized by Council Officers without prior notice and release fees may apply.

If further clarification is required, contact the Compliance Services section on 07 5440 5111.

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| <p>Urban areas</p>  <p>Next to/parallel to property boundary</p> | <p>Roads up to 80km/h</p>  <p>3.5 metres from road edge</p> | <p>Roads 90km/h and 100km/h</p>  <p>6 metres from road edge</p> | <p>Maximum size 600mm x 900mm</p>  <p>May be double-sided</p> |
| <p>Not on trees</p>  | <p>Not on road signs</p>  <p>Do not obscure road signs</p> | <p>Restricted intersections</p> <p>30 metre exclusion</p>  <p>Non-standard intersections such as Y intersections, merging lanes or poor visibility</p> | <p>Higher risk locations</p> <p>30 metre exclusion</p> <p>PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS</p>  <p>ROUNDABOUTS</p>  |