



Approval to Display Local Government Election Signs

This General Approval is given by the Wattle Range Council under the provisions of its by-laws for local government election signs (not being electoral advertising posters made of plastic or corflute) to be posted, affixed to, or erected on infrastructure that is installed on a road owned by the Council, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

Local government election signs (not being an electoral advertising poster) must:

1. Be no more than 1 square metre in area. A back-to-back sign facing two directions is considered to be one sign for this purpose.
2. Only be displayed during the period commencing 4 weeks immediately before the date
3. that has been set for polling day and ending at the close of voting on polling day. Should the local government election sign not be removed within two days (48 hours) of the close of voting they will be considered illegal signs and penalties may apply.
4. Comply with all legislative requirements relating to the publication of 'electoral material' as defined in relevant legislation.
5. Be securely fixed or posted and maintained in good repair and condition at all times.
6. Be designed, made, and presented in a quality manner (the intent is that signs must not tear apart and become a danger to road users and end up as litter).
7. Contain clear and legible writing or symbols. An authorised officer will determine whether a sign is clear and legible for these purposes.
8. Contain on the face of the sign the name and address of the person authorising the promotional material (the publisher) and the name and prescribed information of the printer of it.
9. Be fastened securely so that they cannot become detached in high winds and endanger Council, SAPN or DIT property or equipment or pose a danger to the public.
10. Be installed, maintained, and removed in a safe manner without endangering personal and community safety.

Local government election signs (not being an electoral advertising poster) must not:

1. Be illuminated (internally or indirectly), move, flash, rotate, or reflect so as to be an undue distraction to drivers.
2. Be self-adhesive. All individual promotional material affixed under the terms of this General Approval may only be affixed by non-invasive means that do not cause damage of any type to the structure to which the material is affixed. If a paste is to be used, it must be of a water based/wallpaper type (or similar).
3. Be affixed under any circumstances to trees, shrubs, or other plants or at any location that may cause physical damage to Council, SAPN or DIT property.
4. Be placed on a carriageway, dividing strip (median), traffic island, roundabout, or within 50 metres of a signalised intersection, level crossing, roundabout or pedestrian activated crossing, or on the South-Eastern Freeway, the Southern Expressway, the Port River Expressway, the North-South Motorway (Superway) or the Northern Expressway.
5. Be placed within 6 metres of an intersection or junction, or in any other location that may pose a hazard to pedestrians or road users.
6. Be attached to any traffic control device, street name, traffic direction or parking sign or to the associated pole.
7. Be placed so as to cover any Council, SAPN or DIT numbering, signs, or other markings.
8. Be placed in a location on a pole or fence so as to aid the climbing of the pole or fence.
9. Be placed so as to restrict the sight distance for road users and pedestrians crossing the road.
10. Compete with or reduce the effectiveness of other signs and traffic control devices.
11. Resemble a traffic control device, or reasonably be capable of being mistaken as a traffic control device (e.g., must not be affixed on the diagonal).
12. Advertise any organisation other than a candidate in the local government election on foot at the time.
13. Where signs are fixed or posted on poles adjacent to footpaths or roadways such signs:
 - must not be lower than 2 metres;
 - must be a maximum height of 3 metres from the ground, with nothing above the sign to affix it or anything else to the pole; and
 - signs must have a minimum clearance of 3 metres from any overhead mains.
14. There is a total prohibition on any part of the sign being higher than 3 metres from the ground.

This General Approval does not extend to infrastructure that is owned by SAPN or DIT on a road. The SA Power Networks and Department for Infrastructure and Transport General Approval for placement or affixation of local government election signs sets out the requirements for placement of local government election signs on this infrastructure.