



ELECTION SIGNAGE POLICY

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Objective

To advise candidates on the current policy for the placement and removal of signs during and after an election.

Policy Principles

1. The placement of election signs on Northern Territory Government road reserves is not to compromise motorist, cyclist and pedestrian safety.
2. The placement of election signs on Northern Territory Government road reserves should not compromise the environmental values of the community.

Requirements

1. Signs can be placed no earlier than 6 weeks prior to an election.
2. Signs are to be removed within seven days after an election,
3. Signs are not to be larger than 1.5m².
4. Signs are not to compromise driver safety. This includes but is not restricted to the following:
 - no signs are to be placed so as to obscure the view of the drivers (driver sight lines to be in accordance with Australian Standards);
 - no signs to be located within 150 metres of an intersection;
 - no signs to be placed on median strips;
 - no signs that can be confused with a traffic control device;
 - no flashing or illuminated signs on road reserves; and
 - no permanent (solid) structures to be placed on road reserves.
5. Candidates placing signs should take into consideration environmental concerns. For example, alternatives to nailing signs onto trees should be found.

Signs in Breach of this Policy

Where signs are in breach of this policy, all efforts will be made to contact the responsible parties as soon as the Department becomes aware of the offending signs. The responsible parties will be asked to remove the signs within a particular timeframe.

If the signs have not been removed within the agreed upon timeframe, Departmental officers will remove the signs and recover costs from the responsible party.

Where the responsible party cannot be contacted, Departmental officers will remove the signs within a period of 48 hours or sooner if signs are compromising the safety of road users. Costs will be recovered from the responsible parties.



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