

Election Signage Policy

For the placement and removal of election signage.

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Acronyms	Full form
NTG	Northern Territory Government

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1. Objective

To advise candidates on the current policy for the placement and removal of election signs on Northern Territory Government road reserves prior to and after Federal, Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and Northern Territory Local Government elections.

2. Policy Principles

The placement of election signs on Northern Territory Government road reserves is an acceptable means by which eligible voters become familiar with election candidates. It must be managed in a way that does not compromise motorist, cyclist and pedestrian safety and is environmentally conscious.

3. Northern Territory Government Road Assets

This policy applies to roads under the care of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

Election signage is not permitted on other assets under the care of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

A complete list of roads is available <https://nt.gov.au/driving/management/who-manages-a-road-in-the-nt>

4. Requirements

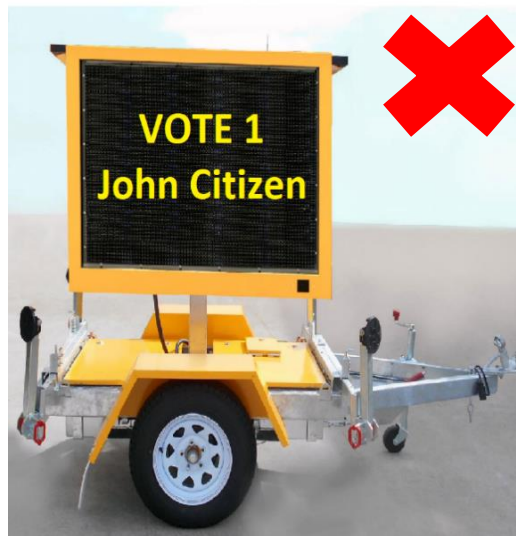
4.1. Sign Details

Signs meeting the following criteria are permitted:

- Single signs up to 1.5m² in area;



- Displayed on corflute or similar.¹



4.2. Sign Display Period

Signs installed within the following times are permitted:

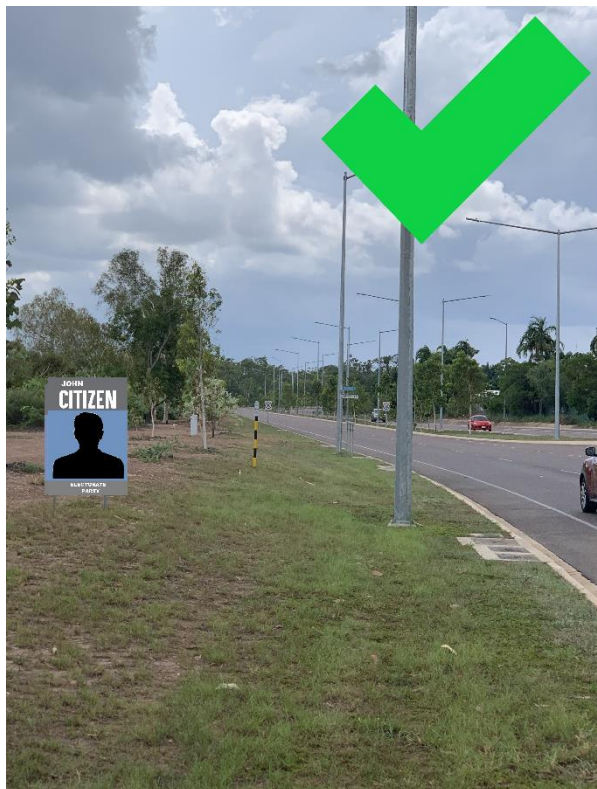
- Six (6) weeks prior to a fixed election date (Legislative Assembly and Local Government Elections);
- From the date of public notice by the Australian Electoral Commissioner of receipt of writ to conduct an election (Federal Elections);
- Up to Seven (7) days after an election.

¹ The Northern Territory Electoral Commission is responsible for managing compliance with the content of advertising material.

4.3. Sign Locations

Signs positioned within the following areas are permitted:

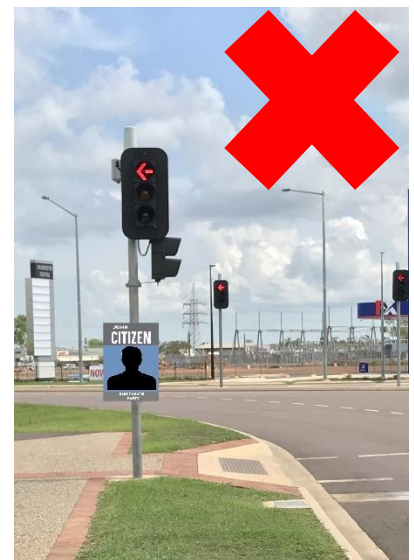
- At least 1m clear of underground and above ground services such as irrigation systems, street light poles, power poles etc.;



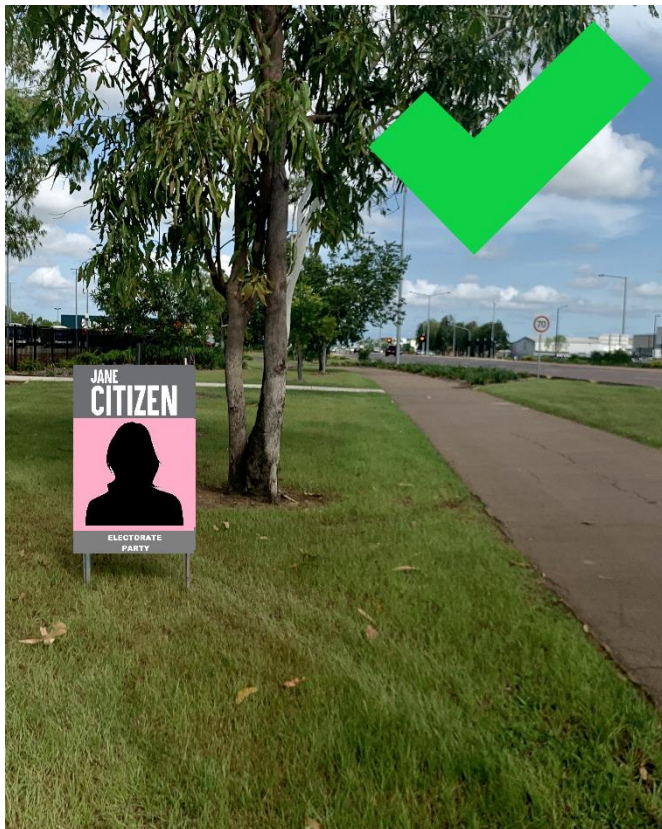
- At least 1m from any tree, shrub or garden bed



- At least 5m from any road sign or traffic control device such as traffic signals;



- At least 1m from edge of road or footpath/cyclepath



- In areas that do not restrict drivers sight lines at intersections (i.e. in accordance with Australian Standards).



4.4. Sign Traceability

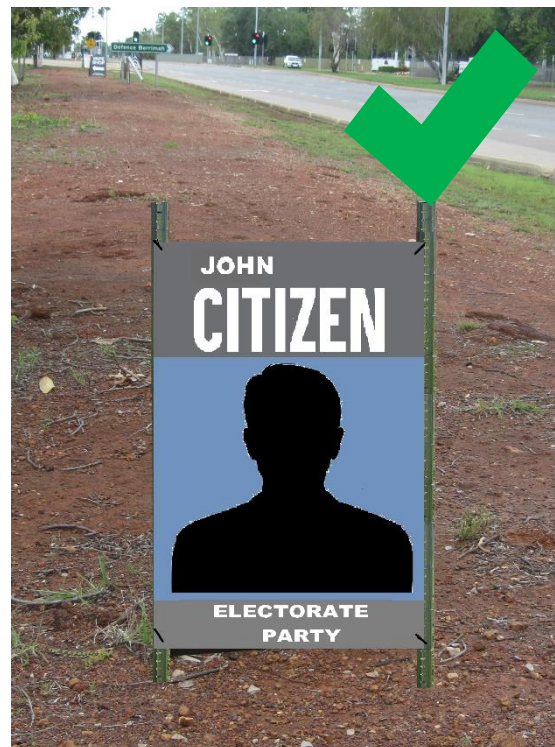
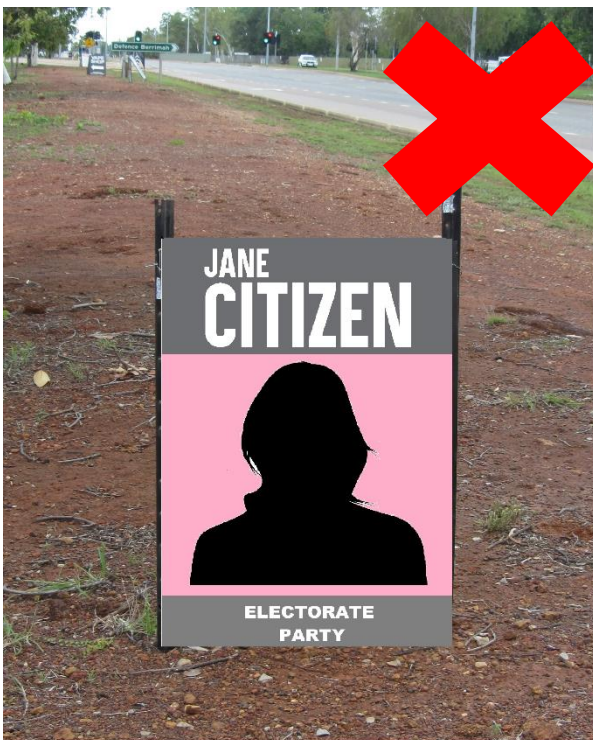
Signs locations identified by the following means are permitted:

- GPS location;
- Electronic or hard copy file.

4.5. Sign Fastening

Signs affixed by the following means are permitted:

- Cable tie or similar to boundary fencing²;
- Attached to low strength or frangible stakes driven into ground, e.g. lightweight fence droppers or similar.



² Subject to approval of the adjacent landowner. Approval will not be granted when NTG is adjacent landowner.

5. Signs in Breach of this Policy

Candidates or their representatives will be afforded 24 hours' notice to comply if any sign is in breach of this policy.

Failure to comply after notification will result in removal by Department Officers and costs may be recovered.

The return of removed signs will be conditional and require confirmation in writing from the candidate or representative of the candidate that the policy is understood and will be complied with.

Any further breach of the policy will result in confiscation of the sign until after the election.

Any sign which is a road safety issue will be removed immediately by Department Officers.

If signs are not removed within seven (7) days after an election, Department officers will remove the signs and recover costs from the offending party³.

6. Contact Details

Prior to the installation of any signs it is recommended that contact be made with Department officers to clarify requirements.

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³ Removal costs \$50/hr (GST inc).