ELECTORAL SIGNAGE POLICY

POLICY TYPE	DOCUMENT CONTROLLER	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER	POLICY ADOPTED	REVIEW DUE
Council	Executive Coordinator	General Manager	25 September 2023	September 2025

PURPOSE

To ensure that any form of electoral campaign advertising on Council owned or managed land is prohibited, to enable Council to retain its apolitical status, ensuring all candidates are treated equitably and transparently in the displaying of electoral signage.

SCOPE

This policy applies to candidates in all Federal, State and local government elections.

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions will apply:

Apolitical – not connected to any political party

Election Campaign Period -

i. For Federal and State elections: from the date on which the election writ is issued until 14 days after the election day; and
ii. For local government elections: from the date of publication of the Notice of Election until 14 days after the close of poll.

Location - Any one property

Electoral Signage - Any graphic (including electronic), pictorial or written display that promotes a candidate or political party campaigning in a Federal, State or local government election or any other elections that may conducted. (Does not include signage displayed as part of a sponsorship agreement between a member of a political party and a sporting/community club or organisation). AEC or TEC signage at polling booths located within Council owned or managed facilities or on Council owned or managed land is permitted and is not subject to this policy.

POLICY

1. Placement of electoral signage during an election campaign period in the Devonport municipal area is subject to the following:

1.1 the length of display of any sign at one location does not exceed the defined election campaign period;
1.2 signs are to be properly installed and secured;
1.3 signs are not to project over footpaths;
1.4 prior permission for the placement of signs must be obtained by the sign owner from the relevant property owner; and
1.5 no sign is to be placed on Council owned, or managed property or infrastructure. Any signs that are placed on property owned or managed by the Council will be removed. The candidate will be directed to remove the signage, and if the signage is not removed within the specified timeframe

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2. The Devonport City Council does not permit election advertising signage to be affixed to any Council owned,, controlled or managed land or building. Except that election candidates will be permitted to display election signage on registered vehicles and trailers on Council controlled highways (including metered spaces) and car parks. Trailers not attached to vehicles are prohibited.

3. Electoral signage must comply with the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Devonport 2020.</td></tr>
<tr><td>LEGISLATION AND RELATED DOCUMENTS</td><td colspan="3">Local Government Act 1993
Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993
Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Devonport 2020
Devonport City Council Strategic Plan 2009-2030</td></tr>
<tr><td>ATTACHMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)</td><td colspan="3">N/A</td></tr>
<tr><td>STRATEGIC REFERENCE</td><td colspan="3">5.3 Council looks to employ best practice governance, risk and financial management</td></tr>
<tr><td>MINUTE REFERENCE</td><td colspan="3">23/189</td></tr>
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 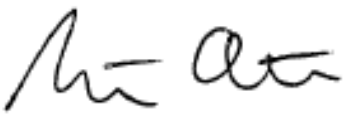

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