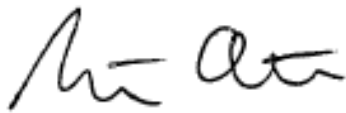




ELECTORAL SIGNAGE POLICY

POLICY TYPE	DOCUMENT CONTROLLER	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER	POLICY ADOPTED	REVIEW DUE
Council	Executive Coordinator	Chief Executive Officer*	27 October 2025	October 2027
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	<p>For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions will apply:</p> <p>Apolitical – not connected to any political party</p> <p>Election Campaign Period -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Location - Any one property</p> <p>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. Candidate signage in the immediate vicinity of a polling or pre-polling place is permitted, so long as it complies with AEC or TEC signage requirements and the Planning Scheme and is only erected during the pre-poll period and removed within 3 working days of polling day.</p>			
POLICY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Placement of electoral signage during an election campaign period in the Devonport municipal area is subject to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 			

	<p>property owned or managed by the Council will be removed, except where they are permitted by, and meet the requirements of, the AEC or TEC at pre-polling and polling places and also comply with Council's Planning Scheme.</p> <p>Candidates in breach of this Policy will be directed to remove signage, and if the signage is not removed within the specified timeframe provided, Council will arrange for removal and on-charge the cost of the removal to the candidate or the party they are standing for election on behalf of (if not an independent candidate) should the on-charge cost not be paid within the required timeframe.</p> <p>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 as permitted in clause 1.5). Candidates are also 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.</p> <p>3. Electoral signage must comply with the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Devonport 2020.</p>								
LEGISLATION AND RELATED DOCUMENTS	<p><i>Local Government Act 1993</i> <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i> Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Devonport 2020 Devonport City Council Strategic Plan 2009-2030</p>								
ATTACHMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)	N/A								
STRATEGIC REFERENCE	5.3 Council looks to employ best practice governance, risk and financial management								
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<p>Management Sign Off:</p>  <p>Date: 27 October 2025</p> <p>* Please note reference to the Chief Executive Officer means the General Manager for the purposes of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>, and all other legislation administered by or concerning the Devonport City Council.</p>									