

All candidates are entitled to a fair opportunity to conduct their election campaign within Greater Dandenong however, these rights must be balanced against the need for Council to ensure that election signs do not unduly compromise public amenity or safety.

The following conditions apply to the placing of electoral signage in accordance with Council's Local Law No. 2, the *Environment Protection Act 2017* and the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.

Election Signage allowed without a permit

Signs on Private Property

An election sign displayed on a private property is allowed without a planning permit under the following conditions:

- You have consent from the owner/occupier of the land
- There is only one sign displayed on a property, and there is no duplication of the same sign even if they are joined together.
- The display must not replicate or repeat information about the candidate
- It has one flat surface – Any A-frame on private land, triangular signage mountings (or similar) is considered to be more than one sign, even if they are joined together
- The display area of the sign is no bigger than 5 square metres
- Not to be animated or internally lit
- Signs must not be displayed for more than 3 months in total
- Must not be displayed longer than 14 days after the election date
- Can include information about one candidate
- Any sign not in accordance with the above requires a planning permit as a promotion sign
- Any breach of these requirements will be the responsibility of both the candidate and the owner of the land, under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Any breach will require the non-compliant signage to be removed within 24 hours, and may result in a fine being issued for each day the breach remains.

Advertising boards placed on vehicles and trailers

In transit

- Is allowed if the sign does not unreasonably restrict the use of the road, or endanger the safety of members of the public

Pamphlet or flyer distribution

- A permit does not apply to placing electoral material in resident's letterboxes

Election Signage not allowed (penalties may apply)

Bill Posting

- No signs can be affixed to any fixed structure without the consent from the owner, occupier, or manager of the structure. Fixed structures can include: light posts, traffic posts, bus stops etc
- Placing loose flyers under car windscreen wipers
- Bill Posting is a littering offence under the provisions of the Environment Protection Act 2017, and authorised officers will respond to bill posting under those provisions.

Candidature Signs on Public Land

- Electoral Signage which promotes or advertises a person's candidature or prospective candidature in or on any road, on public land or public place is not permitted
- Council does not issue permits for signage being used for Electioneering purposes.

Signs placed on Council structures

- Approval will NOT be given to place signs on a Council fixture, assets, trees, or anything under the management of Council.

Advertising Signs placed on vehicles and/or trailers on Council controlled land

- Advertising on a vehicle and/or trailer in a park, garden, reserve, nature strip or road-related area

Signs placed on Vic Roads Land and/or assets

- All Electoral signage that is placed within the road reserve of an arterial road or freeway requires the prior written consent from the Head of Transport for Victoria.
- Both the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme and Local Law No. 2 provide for penalties for any breaches detected by Authorised Officers.

No compliance with Regulations

Impounding signs

- Local Laws Officers can impound any sign displayed in a public place without a permit or not complying with the conditions of a permit