

Operational Policy



Policy Title:	Election Candidate Campaign Signage
Policy Number:	16.05
Focus Area:	11D: Deliver quality services for the community
Responsibility:	Regulatory Services
Authorisation:	7 December 2022

Purpose

To provide guidance on the erection of election signage in the Richmond Valley Council local government area during federal, state and local government elections.

Scope

This policy applies to candidates, political parties and third-party campaigners contesting federal, state or local government elections that fall within the boundaries of the Richmond Valley Council local government area.

Policy

In accordance with the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 Division 2, Subdivision 13 - Election signs, **signage must:**

- a) not be more than 0.8m² in area, and
- b) if on the site of a heritage item or draft heritage item—not be attached to a building, and
- c) be displayed by or on behalf of a candidate at an election referred to in clause 2.106 or the party (if any) of any such candidate (*Clause 2.106 refers to an election held under the Commonwealth *Electoral Act 1918*, the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912*, or the *Local Government Act 1993*), any other legislation applicable to elections, and
- d) be displayed in accordance with any relevant requirements of the Act under which the election is held, and
- e) be displayed only during the following periods:
 - i. 5 weeks immediately preceding the day on which the election is held,
 - ii. the day on which the election is held,
 - iii. 1 week immediately following the day on which the election is held.
- f) Signage is limited to two (2) suitably constructed A frame types of signs per candidate at each authorised pre-polling or polling location.

Signage shall not be permitted to be erected within:

- Council's managed parks and reserves;
- Dividing strip (median strips, traffic islands or roundabouts);
- Within 6 metres of an intersection or junction, or in any other location that may pose a hazard to pedestrians or road users;
- On trees, shrubs or plants;
- Footpaths, road reserves, nature strips, trees, parklands and any other council-controlled asset not hereby mentioned;
- Telephone and/or electricity poles on public property;
- On street signs, traffic control signs, parking signs; and
- Any place that causes sight obstructions.

Signage must:

- Be fastened securely to a suitably durable supporting frame so that they cannot become detached in high winds and endanger safety;
- Be in good repair and condition at all times; and
- Be removed within seven (7) days of the election. Failure to do so will result in removal by Council at a cost to the candidate.

Public Land or Buildings:

- Advertising material cannot be displayed on or within land or buildings occupied, used by, or under the control or management of the Crown, NSW Government agencies, or a Council.

Private Land:

Advertising on private land or buildings can only be undertaken:

- With the written consent of the owner or tenant, or where the property is owned or jointly owned by the candidate
- Posters should be displayed:
 - on the outer wall, fence or other boundary of the grounds of an enclosure in which a building used for voting is situated, or
 - within the grounds of an enclosure in which a building used for voting is situated, or
 - on a vehicle on a road or road related area (within the meaning of section 4 (1) of the *Road Transport Act 2013*), or
 - fixed or attached to a table or stall on a footpath or other public place at any time on the day of voting for an election.

Signage is limited to two signs per candidate or party on private fences, including those adjoining Council land.

Council reserves the right to request the immediate removal of any posters that are considered unacceptable or in an unsuitable location. Failure to comply with the request will result in the removal by Council.

Definitions

Electoral Signage Content of which is intended or calculated to affect the result of an election or influence voters; and/or
Includes the name of a candidate at an election, the name of the party of any such candidate and the picture or image of any such candidate.
[per State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (NSW)]

References

Further information can be obtained as follows:

- *Electoral Act 2017* – Division 184 Display of posters
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (NSW) - Division 2, Part 2, Subdivision 13, Clause 2.106 and Clause 2.107
- *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*
- *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912*
- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Road Transport Act 2013*
- *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*

Appendix

The following pages depict the signage permitted at the Casino Community and Cultural Centre – as the current site preferred by the NSW Electoral Commission.

Review

This policy will be reviewed at the time of any relevant legislative changes, compliance requirements or at least every four years.

Version Number	Date	Reason / Comments
1	7 December 2022	New policy

Legend



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For areas outside of 6m from doorway see footpath

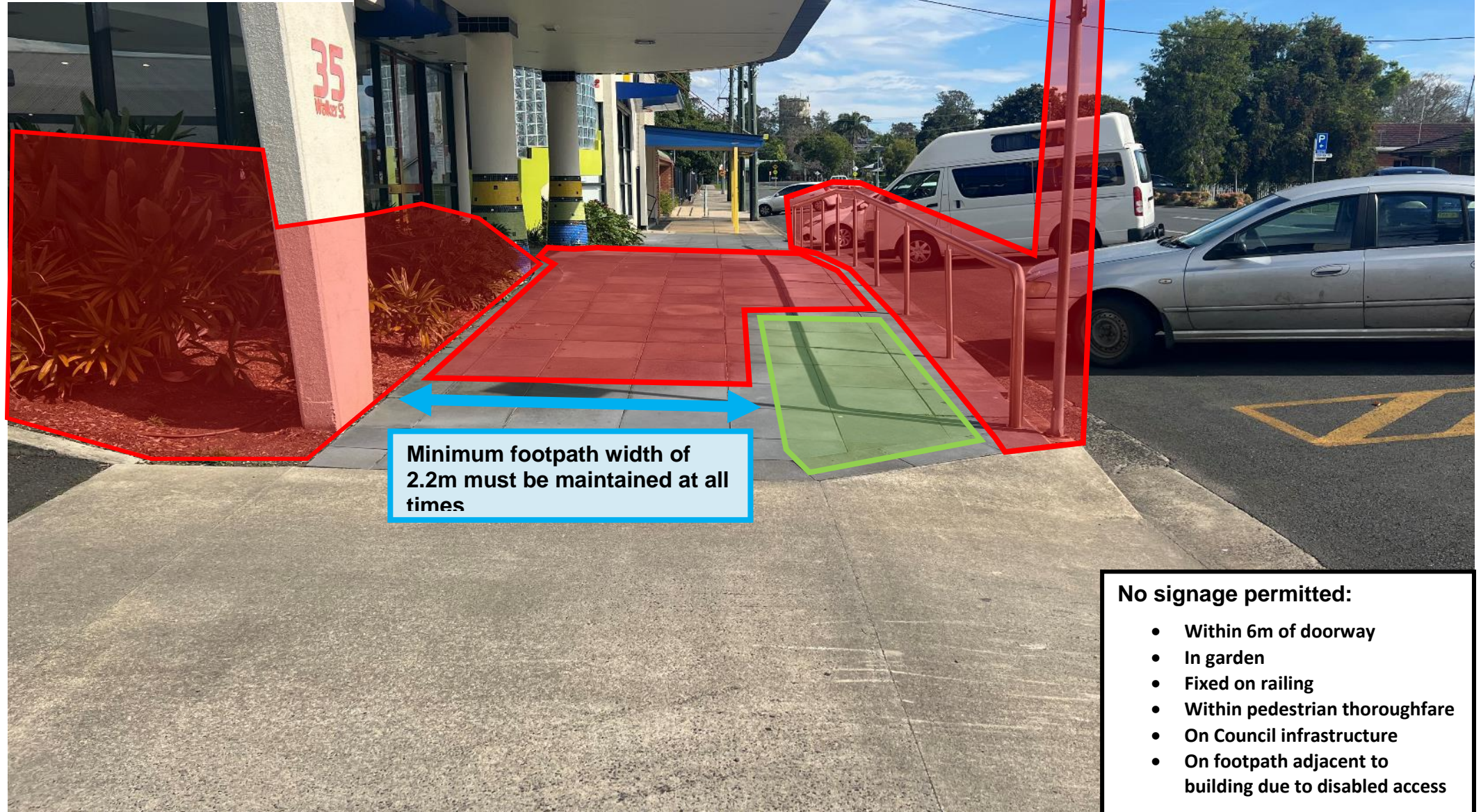
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- Within pedestrian thoroughfare
- On Council infrastructure
- On footpath adjacent to building due to disabled access

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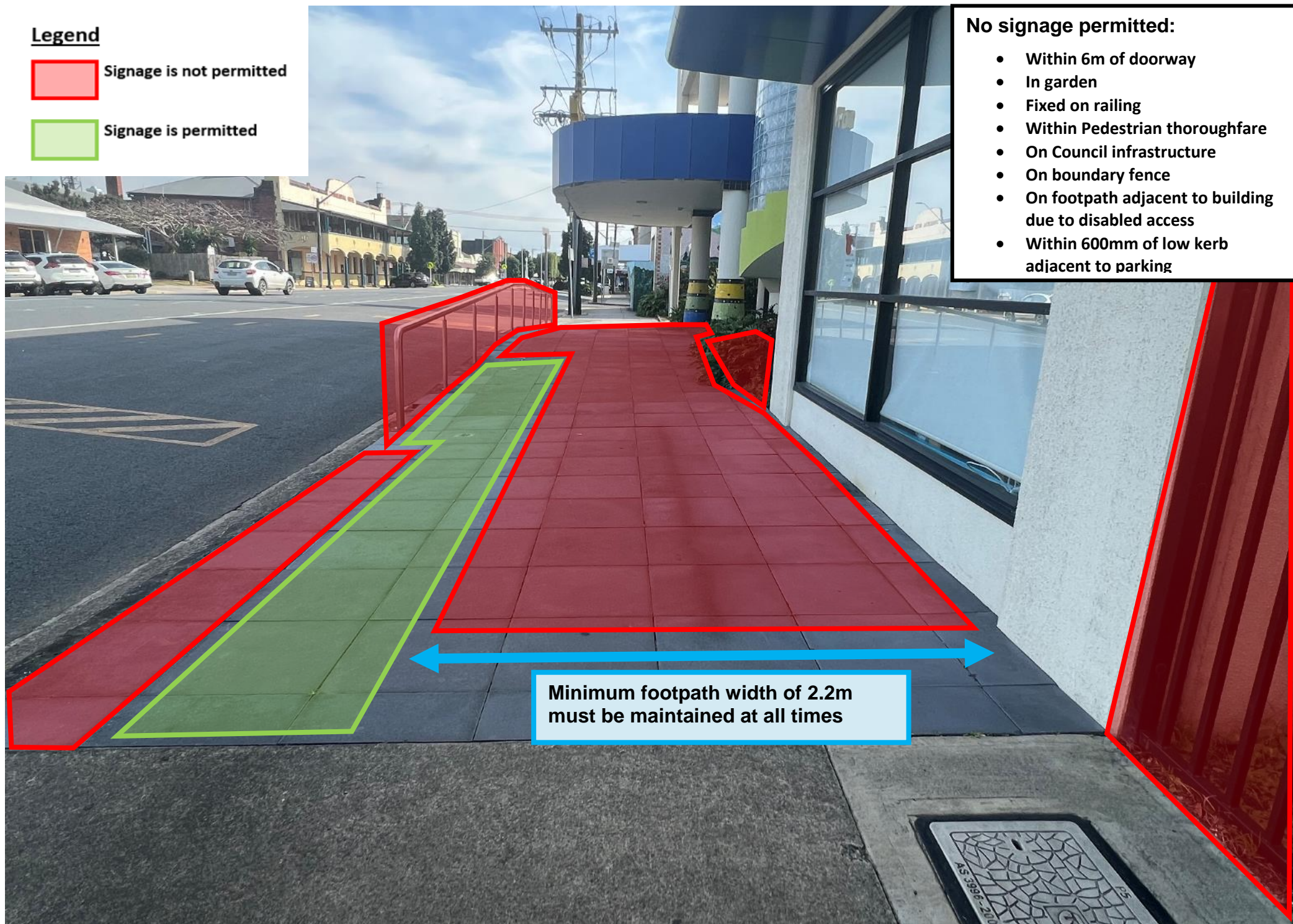
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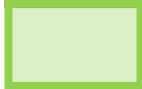
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