

Changes to the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) have impacted election signage. Electoral advertising posters made of plastic or corflute are now banned.

This information provides a guide for candidates ([see overleaf for FAQ's](#)) and should be read in conjunction with the [City of Prospect General Approvals 23 August 2022¹](#).

Electoral Advertising Poster made of plastic or corflute	x	<i>Banned by legislation</i> on a public road including structure or fixture that is SAPN, DIT or Council Infrastructure.
	x	<i>Banned by legislation</i> on local government land (any council property including buildings, fences, playgrounds, trees, bins, street furniture, benches)
	✓	<i>Allowed</i> on private land if the poster meets the criteria below; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With landowners' consent • Exhibited from 13 October – 10 November 2022 • Development Approval must be sought and granted if the total area of <u>all</u> signs on the property is over 2m² (i.e. if there is more than one sign on the property regardless of placement, the size of all signs is to be added together)
Electoral Sign made of other materials (not plastic or corflute)	✓	<i>Allowed via Council's Bylaws</i> on a public road including structure or fixture that is SAPN or DIT Infrastructure with consent direct from SAPN/DIT and on Council Infrastructure if it does not unreasonably; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrict the use of the road or endangers members of the public; and • Exhibited from 13 October - 10 November 2022 • Aligns with the City of Prospect's General Approval as endorsed by Council on 23 August 2022.
	✓	<i>Allowed via Council's Bylaws</i> on local government land (any council property including buildings, fences, playgrounds, trees, bins, street furniture, benches) if it does not unreasonably; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrict the use or endangers members of the public; • Damage Council's property • Exhibited from 13 October - 10 November 2022 • Aligns with the requirements of the City of Prospect's General Approval as endorsed by Council on 23 August 2022.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**Q: Are signs made of plastic-coated canvas, vinyl banners allowed?**

A: No, these signs are made from a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) which is **banned**.

Q: Are signs made with laminated card or paper allowed?

A: No, laminate can be in hard or soft form, which is either polyethylene terephthalate (PET) hard plastic or ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA) soft plastic – which is **banned**.

Q: What about a decal on an A frame sign – is this allowed?

A: Possibly, it depends on what the decal is made from, if it's a polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polyethylene terephthalate (PET) or ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA) it would be **banned**. Again, the A frame can't be plastic and must be appropriately secured.

Q: What about nylon ties used to affix signs?

A: Yes, these are **allowed**.

Q: What about tape used to affix signs?

A: Tape is made from a plastic polymer film – so if the tape is used to cover the entire sign to protect it from the sun, wind and rain, as well as fixing the sign to the structure, it would be **banned**.

Q: Can I nail an Eco board sign to a tree along a road?

A: No – whilst the sign meets the legislative provisions, you cannot damage Council's infrastructure or property – this is strictly prohibited.

Q: Can I have a cardboard sign secured to a wooden post/peg and hammer this post into a grassed area on a council reserve?

A: No – whilst the sign meets the legislative provisions, you cannot damage council infrastructure. The act of hammering posts into grassed areas damages council's property (grass and irrigation systems). **You will be fined in this instance.**

Q: Do candidates need written permission from Council to put up signs on public land?

A: No – Council's current bylaws and General Approvals **allow** election signs so that permissions do not need to be sought by prospective candidates during elections on Council infrastructure. BUT Candidates **will need to apply** to SA Power Networks or Department of Infrastructure for approval as these general approvals have not been made at the time of writing these FAQ's.

Q: What are the dates to erect signs once a candidate is confirmed by the Electoral Commission SA.

A: From Thursday 13 October to Thursday 10 November (and taken down by the 12 November 2022).

SIGNS on a public road owned by council MUST NOT:¹

- ✗ restrict the use of the road or area,
- ✗ endanger members of the public safety,
- ✗ damage council property,
- ✗ be made of plastic or corflute,
- ✗ be illuminated, move, flash, reflect, rotate or be self-adhesive,
- ✗ be within 50 meters of a signalised intersection, level crossing, roundabout or pedestrian activated crossing,
- ✗ be within 6 metres of an intersection or junction,
- ✗ be attached to any traffic control device, street name, traffic or parking sign,
- ✗ cover Council, SA Power Networks or the Department of Infrastructure or Transport sign or marking.

SIGNS on a public road owned by council MUST be:

- ✓ affixed securely – nylon ties can be used,
- ✓ made of a material other than plastic or corflute,
- ✓ erected from 13 October – 10 November (see general approval for times),
- ✓ 1mtr Square in size and in good condition at all times,
- ✓ Contain the name & address of the publisher and the name & prescribed, information of the printer of the material,
- ✓ Back-to-back signs affixed to a structure is considered as 'one' sign,
- ✓ Installed no lower than 2 meters and no higher than 3 meters high.

Private Property:

- Corflute and plastic signs **can be displayed**,
- **All signs** on your property will be considered as 'one' therefore if you have three signs that are 1mtr² each, regardless of how they are placed on your property (2 in separate areas of the front yard and one in your window), they will be over the 2mtr² size limit and will therefore need Development Approval.

PLEASE NOTE:

Council officers are authorised to remove signs that;

- Restrict the use of the Road or endanger members of the public; and/or
- Damage Council's property in any way; and/or
- Do not comply with Council's General Approval dated 23 August 2022 and the Department of Transport/SA Power Networks Approvals when and if given.

¹ Please refer to Council's General Approvals as endorsed by Council on 23 August 2022 (Agenda Item 10.7)