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Chief Executive Officer Notice to Candidates

**14 September Local Government elections – Display of election signage in the Sutherland Shire local government area.**

We welcome your participation in promoting a strong and healthy democracy as we approach the upcoming Local Government election on 14 September 2024.

From Saturday 20 July, all candidates can display their signage across Sutherland Shire to promote their election campaign. However, ensuring the safety of our community is our priority, together with maintaining fairness amongst all election candidates.

Consistent with these priorities, please ensure your election signage:

- Does not compromise public safety, convenience, or create unsightly conditions;
- Is not placed on median strips, fences on median strips, roundabouts, traffic signage, regulation poles, or power poles;
- Does not obstruct traffic signage, lines of sight, or impede the movement of vehicles and pedestrians on footpaths or roadways;
- Is not displayed without written consent from the owner(s) of land on which the sign is located or projects over;
- Does not exceed a size more than 0.8m<sup>2</sup> in area; and
- Is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications (if applicable) and must not involve the removal or pruning of a tree or vegetation.

This letter constitutes consent under [Section 138](#) of the *Roads Act 1993* for the placement of election signage on footpath areas (being part of the road reserve) owned by Sutherland Shire Council only. Additional legislative information can be found below to assist you in understanding your obligations when displaying election signage.

As a candidate, you have responsibility for ensuring you or any persons acting on your behalf adhere to these requirements.

As part of day-to-day business operations, Council Officers will monitor compliance. Any election signage that does not comply may be removed under the [Public Spaces \(Unattended Property\) Act 2021](#).

You must ensure all election signage is removed by **Saturday 21 September 2024**.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your election signage is managed appropriately and safely.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Sarah Gasseling, Council's Acting Manager Public Safety and Lifeguards on 9710 0138.

Clare Phelan  
Chief Executive Officer

### **Additional legislative information**

The following legislation applies when displaying election signage:

- [Subdivision 13](#) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (SEPP)
- [Section 138](#) of the Roads Act 1993
- [Clause 356E](#) Local Government (General) Regulation 2021