

Supplement to:

“Tasmanian Legislative Council Elections – Information for Candidates” handbook (February 2007)

The contents of this supplement are in addition to the contents of the handbook. The supplement is designed to bring the handbook up-to-date and relevant for the forthcoming 2009 Legislative Council elections.

2009 Legislative Council elections timetable

It is expected that His Excellency the Governor will issue Writs with the following dates—

- Issue of Writs and close of electoral rolls.....6 pm Monday 30 March 2009
- Nominations close 12 noon Wednesday 8 April 2009
- Announcement of nominations 12 noon Thursday 9 April 2009
- Polling day8 am – 6 pm Saturday 2 May 2009

Electronic billboards

Following amendments in 2007 to the *Traffic Act 1925*, it is now an offence under section 78(1) of the Act for a person to—

- (a) place or leave an electronic billboard on a public street; or
- (b) place or leave an electronic billboard in a public place if any occupant of any motor vehicle on any public street can, with the naked eye, read any words or make out any images being displayed by the electronic billboards.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(Section 78(2)(a) provides that subsection 1(a) does not apply to electronic billboards that are—

- (a) used for traffic management or road safety purposes by a road authority; or
- (b) used for the purposes of a civil or other emergency by a statutory service within the meaning of the *Emergency Management Act 2006*; or
- (c) placed or left on a public street with and in accordance with the written approval of the Transport Commission.

Further, Section 78(2)(b) provides subsection 1(b) does not apply to an electronic billboard that is placed or left in a public place by, or with the approval of, the owner or occupier of that public place.)

Queries or complaints related to electronic billboards should be directed to the Transport divisions of the Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources (DIER).

Electoral roadside signs

The Transport division of the Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources (DIER) have produced the *Tasmanian Roadside Signs Manual* (14 July 2006). The manual contains the following information on page 84 in relation to electoral signs—

*The erection or display of electoral advertising signs within State and Local Government Roads is **prohibited**. The provisions of Local Authority Planning Schemes and Bylaws together with requirements under the Electoral Act make adequate provision for such advertising.*

(The *Tasmanian Roadside Signs Manual* can be accessed online at

www.transport.tas.gov.au/publications/tasmanian_roadside_signs_manual)

Queries or complaints related to roadside signs should be directed to the Transport divisions of DIER.



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