



Prohibition of canvassing within 10 metres

Canvassing for votes of any kind is not permitted within 10 metres of the entrance to a building, shop front and/or area designated as a voting centre during the hours of voting. This also applies to early voting centres, mobile voting locations and includes personal canvassing by candidates or party workers, whether or not they are handing out any canvassing material.

What does canvassing include?

Canvassing includes:

- placement, display or handing out of posters
- pamphlets or bunting that contains electoral matter
- handing how-to-vote cards
- soliciting the vote of a person
- inducing a person not to vote for a particular candidate
- inducing a person not to vote at the election
- using a loud speaker, public address system, amplifier or other thing to broadcast matter that is audible within 10 metres of the entrance of the voting centre.

If there is any doubt about the 10 metre exclusion zone at a voting centre, scrutineers should confer with the Officer in Charge (OIC).

Canvassing and signage

During election campaigns a number of complaints are received concerning the placement of signs in public areas. Check your council's policies and guidelines when determining where to place your campaign material to best effect and be mindful of safety, size and content.

Please note the following signage by-laws.

 [Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics](#)

 [Power and Water Corporation](#)

 [Alice Springs Town Council](#)

 [City of Darwin](#)

 [Katherine Town Council](#)

 [City of Palmerston](#)

Can candidates still appoint a scrutineer?

Candidates can still appoint a scrutineer to represent them within the voting centre. This appointment must be made by using the approved form and handing this to the OIC of a voting centre or counting centre. Further information can be found in the [Candidates Handbook](#).

What happens if a voter needs assistance to vote?

A voter, who requires assistance to vote, can still nominate another person to assist them in a voting centre.

Need to know more?

For any further enquiries, go to ntec.nt.gov.au or call 1800 698 683.