

# Reusing election campaign materials

*Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*

This guideline is issued under section 173(1) of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*, which allows the Tasmanian Electoral Commission to issue guidelines for any matters dealt with in the Act.

## Guideline

Electoral expenditure for election campaign materials is taken to be incurred at the election for which the materials were initially used. If campaign materials are reused or recycled for a subsequent election, no further expenditure is incurred.

Electoral expenditure to update old advertising material – for example, election campaign materials such as stickers to overlay on reused signs – is incurred at the election for which the stickers are applied.

**Note:** If a candidate receives used election campaign materials (such as stakes and screws to affix advertising signs) from another electoral participant, this meets the definition of gifts and gifts-in-kind under section 11 of the Act and the materials are therefore political donations. Any such donations must be receipted and disclosed as usual but need not otherwise be included as electoral expenditure in election campaign returns.

This guideline applies to all disclosures of electoral expenditure (including election expenditure for Legislative Council elections), the application of expenditure limits for Legislative Council elections, and all disclosures of political donations made in accordance with the following parts of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*:

- Part 5 – Disclosure of Political Donations
- Part 6 – Electoral Expenditure in Assembly Elections
- Part 7 – Assembly Election Campaign Returns
- Part 8 – Electoral Expenditure in Relation to Council Elections