



CBAA Fact Sheet

NSW Local Government Election

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This fact sheet covers a few of the common questions we have been getting from stations about the upcoming NSW local government elections. While it is mainly a candidate's responsibility to ensure they follow regulations concerning electoral material it is great that stations are doing their due diligence.

FAQs

1. Is there a blackout period for candidate's advertising?

There is no blackout period for local council elections in NSW.

2. Is there a blackout from existing mayors or candidates for audio in our news service?

As above on this one - there is no blackout period for local council elections in NSW.

3. Until when can we perform interviews with candidates?

This is at the discretion of your radio station but please [note that the date change to the election does change when the regulated period begins](#). The regulated period is the period before an election which requires that electoral material (read: posters, advertisements, how-to-votes etc.) is registered with the NSW Electoral Commission.

That said, see example below attribution in this content:

Electoral advertising on radio and TV

If authorised by a party, its name, and the town, city or suburb in which its office is situated, and the name of the person effecting the authorisation or

If authorised by someone other than a party, the person's name, and the town, city or suburb in which the person lives (or is situated if a corporation),

In all cases, the name of every speaker in the advertisement.

Note: This is general information. Please refer to the Australian Communications and Media Authority website: acma.gov.au

Need more information?

For advice specific to your station, please feel free to call the CBAA's Member Services team on 02 9310 2999 or email us at support@cbaa.org.au. You can also contact the [NSW Electoral Commission](#) on 1300 135 736.

Thank you to the NSW Electoral Commission for their guidance in answering these questions.