

Premier's Circular

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TITLE

GRAFFITI VANDALISM REMOVAL STANDARDS

POLICY

To implement the State Government's policy on prompt removal of graffiti vandalism, all public sector bodies are required to adopt a 48-hour graffiti vandalism removal standard (from the time of reporting), with immediate removal if the graffiti is racist or obscene.

Entities listed in Schedule 1 to the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* are encouraged to be aware of the intent and the substance of this Premier's Circular and are encouraged to meet its terms. All other public sector bodies are required to meet the terms of this Premier's Circular.

BACKGROUND

The State Graffiti Taskforce, established on 17 February 2009, reiterated the Government's 'Tough on Graffiti' commitment through the continuation of a state-wide 48-hour graffiti vandalism removal standard, with immediate removal if the graffiti is racist or obscene.

All public sector bodies are to ensure that relevant graffiti removal service contracts or arrangements reflect this standard. The standard is to be applied upon the review or renewal of contracts where necessary.

The standard is to be applied in properties owned by the public sector and in lease and / or other agreements in circumstances where a property is leased, occupied or managed by the public sector body.

It is understood that in some cases graffiti removal may adversely affect public access to services (eg train lines). Such circumstances may require case-by-case assessment of the applicability of the graffiti removal standard in order that disruption to the provision of public services is minimised. In such circumstances, graffiti removal may occur as part of a normal maintenance regime.

A Service Level Agreement template is available to assist infrastructure owners and State Government agencies wishing to enter removal agreements with Local Government Authorities. The template is available at www.goodbye graffiti.wa.gov.au. Public Sector agencies are encouraged to consider service level agreements when considering graffiti removal contracting arrangements.

It is important that an adequate register of graffiti removal work is maintained by agencies to assist in the event of prosecution of graffiti vandalism cases. Public sector bodies are required to ensure that graffiti removal service contracts or arrangements include the maintenance of a register of graffiti removal work, the reporting of incidences of graffiti to the police and the provision of appropriate forensic or photographic evidence.

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| Other relevant Circulars: | N/A |
| Circular/s replaced by this Circular: | 2006/04 |