

## **Ruling 2 - Campaigning in Buildings**

There is some confusion about the rules regarding campaigning in buildings.

The regulations ban campaigning in buildings where there is a polling place. It is not clear whether this only refers to when a polling place is happening, or at any time for that building.

We interpret this as allowing campaigning in the FBE, Building 168 etc when there is no polling place there, although we reserve the right to withdraw this if we have evidence of bad behaviour.

Campaigning is also banned in computer laboratories. Campaigning in libraries is not explicitly banned, although of course there is a polling place in the Baillieu much of the time. However, we are aware of the likely response from the university if people are being approached in libraries for campaign purposes. Therefore, under 2.1 (h) we direct that there be no campaigning in libraries, from 9pm tonight unless permission is expressly provided in writing by the librarian (such permission would of course need to include all tickets).

Given the weather, we understand that many campaigners want to campaign indoors and we would prefer to accommodate this.

Campaigning in other buildings on campus is permitted unless we receive complaints from staff. So far, no such complaints have been received. If they are, we may be forced to ban all tickets from certain buildings. Campaigners are advised to consider their social status should they be the person who offends a staff member to the point that not only they, but all campaigners are forced out into the current weather.

The area under the Baillieu's eaves should not be used for campaigning in fine weather, but campaigners can retreat to it when it rains. However, this should be considered a privilege that we can revoke in the event of misbehaviour from any ticket.

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