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About this document

This document specifies requirements for traffic control devices to direct road users to tourist facilities.

For details regarding traffic signs only used in Queensland, refer:

<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Technical-standards-publications/TC-signs>.

References to this website appear throughout this document. This reference is repeated in sections and clauses where Queensland signs are used in addition to those stated in the Standard (for example, refer to Clause 3.4.2).

How to use this document

This document is designed to be read and applied together with AS 1742.6-2014 *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices Part 6* (AS 1742.6-2014). You must have access to the Australian Standard to understand what applies in Queensland.

This document:

- sets out how AS 1742.6-2014 applies in Queensland
- has precedence over AS 1742.6-2014 when applied in Queensland
- has the same section and clause numbering and headings as AS 1742.6-2014.

The following table summarises the relationship between AS 1742.6-2014 and this document:

Applicability	Meaning
Accepted	The Australian Standard section or clause is accepted.
Accepted with amendments	Part or all of the section or clause has been accepted with additions, deletions or differences.
New	There is no equivalent section or clause in the Australian Standard.
Not accepted	The Australian Standard section or clause is not accepted.

Definitions

The following general amended definitions apply when reading AS 1742.6-2014.

Reference to...	Means
AS 1742.6-2014	AS 1742.6-2014, as amended by this document For example, a reference to AS 1742.6-2014 means you must refer to the Australian Standard Part 6, and Part 6 of the Queensland <i>Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices</i> (Queensland MUTCD). Throughout AS 1742.6-2014, references are made to other parts of the Australian Standards (for example, when reading Part 6 you may be referred to Part 3 for further information.) In this case, you must refer to the equivalent Part within the Queensland MUTCD first. Check the applicability of the equivalent Part in the Queensland MUTCD before referring to the referenced Australian Standard Part.

Relationship table

Section	Clause	Description	Applicability
1	Scope and general		
	1.1	Scope	Accepted
	1.2	Objective	Accepted
	1.3	Referenced documents	Accepted
	1.4	Definitions	
	1.4.1	<i>Commercial service</i>	Accepted
	1.4.2	<i>Community facility</i>	Accepted
	1.4.3	<i>Expressway type road</i>	Accepted
	1.4.4	<i>Major tourist attraction</i>	Accepted
	1.4.5	<i>May</i>	Accepted with amendments
	1.4.6	<i>Rest area</i>	Accepted
	1.4.7	<i>Roadside stopping place</i>	Accepted
	1.4.8	<i>Service centre</i>	Accepted
	1.4.9	<i>Shall</i>	Accepted with amendments
	1.4.10	<i>Should</i>	Accepted with amendments
	1.4.11	<i>State significant tourist attraction</i>	Accepted
	1.4.12	<i>Themed tourist way (by-way)</i>	Accepted
	1.4.13	<i>Tourist attraction</i>	Accepted
	1.4.14	<i>Tourist destination</i>	Accepted
	1.4.15	<i>Tourist drive</i>	Accepted
	1.4.16	<i>Tourist facility</i>	Accepted
	1.4.17	<i>Tourist feature</i>	Accepted
	1.4.18	<i>Tourist information facility</i>	Accepted
	1.4.19	<i>Traffic control device</i>	Accepted
	1.4.20	<i>Visitor information centre</i>	Accepted
	1.4.21	<i>Tourist region</i>	New
	1.4.22	<i>Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ)</i>	New
	1.4.23	<i>Innovative treatments</i>	New
	1.5	Specification of signs and devices	Accepted
	1.6	Responsibility and authority for installation	Accepted
1.7	General principles	Accepted	
1.8	Advertising and promotional material	Accepted	
1.9	Use of advance signs	Accepted	
1.10	Warrants and guidelines	Accepted with amendments	
1.11	Numbering of signs	Accepted	

Section	Clause	Description	Applicability
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	1.12.1	<i>Standard symbols</i>	Accepted
	1.12.2	<i>Development of new symbols</i>	Accepted with amendments
	1.12.3	<i>Symbols for visitor information centres</i>	Accepted
	1.13	Colour	Accepted
	1.14	Letter case for word legends	Accepted
	1.15	Illumination, reflectorization, installation and location of signs	Accepted
	1.16	Gateway signs	Accepted
	1.17	Pictorial images	Accepted with amendments
	1.18	Welcome signs	New
	1.19	Variation to treatments and Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland certification	New
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	2.1	General	Accepted
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	2.2.1	<i>Visitor information centre on through route – Advance and position signing</i>	Accepted
	2.2.2	<i>Visitor information centre on side street – Turnoff and trailblazer signing</i>	Accepted with amendments
	2.2.3	<i>Inclusion on gateway signs</i>	Accepted with amendments
	2.3	Visitor information centres – rural areas	Accepted with amendments
	2.4	Tourist information facilities	Accepted with amendments
	2.5	Tourist information signs	New
3	Signs for tourist facilities		
	3.1	Scope of section	Accepted
	3.2	Classification of tourist facilities	
	3.2.1	<i>Facilities at the local level</i>	Accepted
	3.2.2	<i>Major facilities</i>	Accepted
	3.2.3	<i>Tourist destinations</i>	Accepted
	3.3	Sign types and application	Accepted
	3.4	Standard symbols for tourist signs	Accepted
	3.5	Advance tourist signs – non-expressway	Accepted
	3.6	Position tourist signs – non-expressway	Accepted with amendments
3.7	Reassurance tourist signs	Accepted	

Section	Clause	Description	Applicability
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	3.8.1	<i>Features visited by tourists</i>	
	3.8.1.1	Guidelines for signing	Accepted
	3.8.1.2	Signs	Accepted
	3.8.1.3	Geographical features viewed by the tourist	New
	3.9	Tourist attractions	
	3.9.1	<i>General</i>	Accepted
	3.9.2	<i>Guidelines for signing</i>	Accepted with amendments
	3.9.3	<i>Signs</i>	Accepted
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	3.10.1	<i>General</i>	Accepted
	3.10.2	<i>Modified standard direction signing</i>	Accepted
	3.10.3	<i>Special tourist information sign, G11-9</i>	Accepted
	3.10.4	<i>Special tourist area sign</i>	New
	3.11	Tourist destinations	Accepted with amendments
	3.12	Signing to tourist facilities from expressway-type roads	Accepted with amendments
	3.13	Tourist facilities of state significance	Accepted
4	Tourist drives		
	4.1	General	Accepted
	4.2	Route numbering	Accepted
	4.3	Model guidelines and requirements	Accepted
	4.4	Signs	Accepted with amendments
	4.5	Tourist drive route markers – design	Accepted with amendments
	4.6	Tourist drive route markers – use	Accepted
	4.7	Tourist drive information signs	Accepted with amendments
4.8	Combined direction / tourist drive signs	Accepted	
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	5.2.2	<i>Advance signs</i>	Accepted
	5.2.3	<i>Position signs</i>	Accepted
	5.2.4	<i>Next service and 'no service' signs</i>	Accepted
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	5.3.1	<i>Rest areas</i>	Accepted
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Section	Clause	Description	Applicability
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	5.4.2	<i>Services adjacent to road</i>	
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	5.4.2.2	Advance signs	Accepted
	5.4.2.3	Position signs	Accepted
	5.4.3	<i>Services along a side road</i>	
	5.4.3.1	General	Accepted with amendments
	5.4.3.2	Signs	Accepted
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	5.4.4.2	Signing to town centres	Accepted
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	5.5.2	<i>Symbolic signs</i>	Accepted with amendments
	5.5.3	<i>Signs with word legends</i>	Accepted
	5.6	Combining service signs with direction and tourist signs	
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	6.3.3	<i>Example signage layouts</i>	New
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	C2	General	Accepted
	C3	Means of illumination	Accepted
	C4	Means of reflectorization	Accepted
D	Installation and location of signs (normative)		
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	D2.2.2	Position signs	Accepted
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	D2.3.2	Lateral placement – rural roads	Accepted
	D2.3.3	Lateral placement – urban roads	Accepted
	D2.3.4	Height – rural roads	Accepted
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	D2.3.6	Overhead mounting	Accepted
	D3	Installation / orientation	Accepted
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	E2	Message content	Accepted
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	F2.1.2	Parking restriction signs at electric vehicle charging facility	New
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G		Guidelines for the design of logos	
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1. Scope and general

1.4 Definitions

1.4.5 May

Addition

Indicates the existence of an option. Where the word 'may' is used, it indicates that use of the device is conditional, or optional. Usually, no specific requirement for design or application is intended.

1.4.9 Shall

Addition

Indicates that a statement is mandatory. Where certain requirements in the design or application of the device are described with the 'shall' stipulation, it is mandatory that, when an installation is made, these requirements be met.

1.4.10 Should

Addition

Indicates a recommendation. Where the word 'should' is used, it is considered to be recommended usage, but not mandatory. Any recommendation that is not applied must be based on sound traffic engineering judgement and documented.

1.4.21 Tourist region

New

A geographical region designated and approved by Tourism Queensland.

1.4.22 Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ)

New

A person who is registered as a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ), under the *Professional Engineers Act 2002* (Qld) with the [Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland](#).

1.4.23 Innovative treatments

New

Innovative treatments that provide improved safety, efficiency, and/or value-for-money outcomes are encouraged. Such treatments may include:

- a) innovative use of current devices
- b) alternative device layouts using existing and/or improved devices, and/or
- c) new devices or practices.

New or improved devices, treatments, or practices require approval by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (see Clause 1.19 for guidance about variations to optimal treatments) prior to their use or adoption.

For trials of new or innovative traffic control devices, treatments, or practices, a submission in accordance with the requirements of the Queensland *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control*

Devices (MUTCD) Part 1 Clause 1.13 shall be submitted to TrafficEngineering.Support@tmr.qld.gov.au.

1.10 Warrants and guidelines

Addition

In addition, the Department of Transport and Main Roads specifies guidelines for establishments on state-controlled roads.

1.12 Symbols

1.12.2 Development of new symbols

Difference

The references to AS 2342 should be replaced with references to AS 743 *Road signs – Specifications*.

1.17 Pictorial images

Difference

Replace with the following:

The use of pictorial images, including photographic reproductions, drawings or other pictorial artwork on signs but excluding logos and standard tourist / services symbols, shall be restricted to the following:

- a) gateway signs as described in Clause 1.16
- b) tourist signs, and
- c) natural attractions.

Pictorial images should consider the operating speed of the road, be readily legible and understood by road users.

1.18 Welcome signs

New

Welcome signs are designed to introduce the road traveller to one of the following:

- the State of Queensland
- a Local Government Area
- a Town or a City
- a Tourist Region.

The following Welcome signs have been developed and approved for use in Queensland:

- 'Welcome to Queensland' signs at major state border entry points.
- 'Welcome to Queensland' signs at other major state entry points (such as major airports).
- 'Town Welcome' signs for towns located on state strategic touring routes.
- 'Welcome to Local Government Area' signs.
- 'Town Welcome' signs for towns not located on state strategic touring routes.
- 'Welcome to Queensland' signs at minor state border entry points.
- Welcome to Tourist Region signs at or near the boundaries of an approved tourist region.

Refer to Appendix F for more information.

The 'Welcome Signs' guidelines and criteria can be found on the Department of Transport and Main Roads website.

1.19 Variation to treatments and Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland certification

New

This Part of the *Manual* contains mandatory requirements (*shall*), recommendations (*should*) and options (*may*). The application of these mandatory requirements and recommendations is intended to provide the optimal level of safety and traffic efficiency. It is acknowledged that, in some instances, variations to these requirements and recommendations may be necessary and, as such, variations to these requirements and recommendations may be undertaken as follows:

- a) Where recommendations (*should*) are not adopted, a risk assessment shall be undertaken and certified by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ).
- b) Where mandatory requirements (*shall*) are not adopted, a risk assessment shall be undertaken and certified by an RPEQ.

Notifications of variations to mandatory requirements (including all relevant information) shall be emailed to TrafficEngineering.Support@tmr.qld.gov.au for information purposes and for the benefit of identifying potential future practice changes – not for approval or endorsement. These variations may include learnings that may be attributed to the variation of a *shall* requirement, such as operational, cost or safety impacts.

- c) Where innovative treatments (see Clause 1.4.23) that are outside the scope of the Queensland MUTCD are proposed to be adopted, a risk assessment shall be undertaken and certified by an RPEQ.
- d) All proposed innovative treatments require approval by Transport and Main Roads prior to their use or adoption. Requests for approval of innovative treatments (including all relevant information) shall be emailed to TrafficEngineering.Support@tmr.qld.gov.au. As part of an approval to use or trial an innovative treatment, Transport and Main Roads may require that the applicant provides a detailed evaluation report on the performance and effectiveness of the treatment. Transport and Main Roads may use the results of the evaluation to identify potential future practice changes to this Part of the *Manual*.
- e) The use of options (*may*) is not a variation to the optimal treatment and does not require certification by an RPEQ.

2. Tourist information facilities

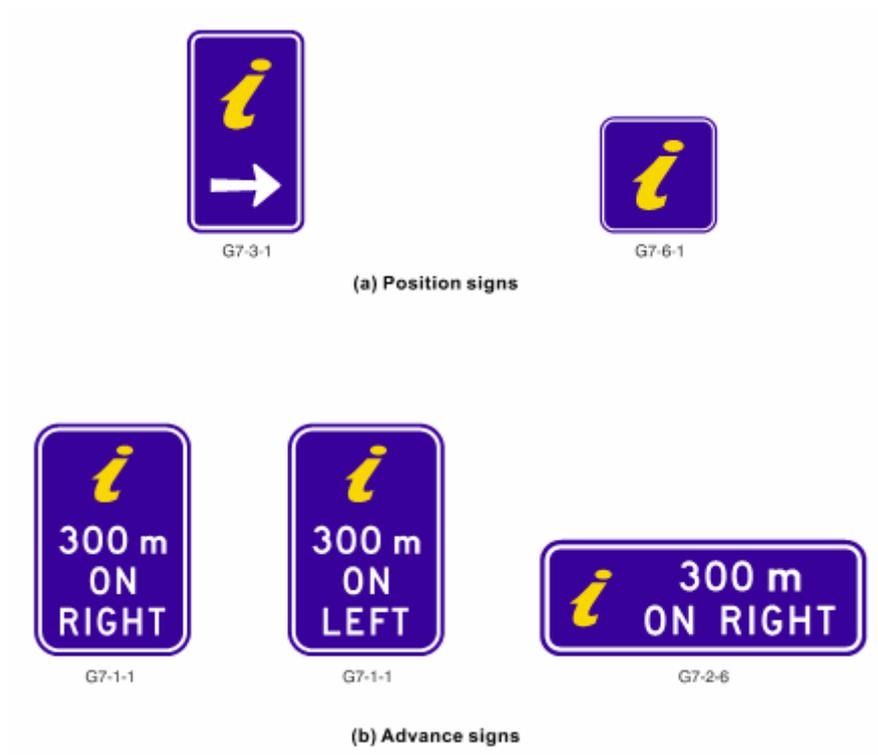
2.2 Visitor information centres – urban areas

2.2.2 Visitor information centre on side-street – Turnoff and trailblazer signing

Difference

The following Figure 2.2.2(a) replaces Figure 2.1 in the Standard:

Figure 2.2.2(a) – Signs for a visitor information centre on through route



The following Figure 2.2.2(b) replaces Figure 2.2 in the Standard:

Figure 2.2.2(b) – Signs for a turnoff and trailblazing to a visitor information centre



(a) Turnoff position and trailblazer sign



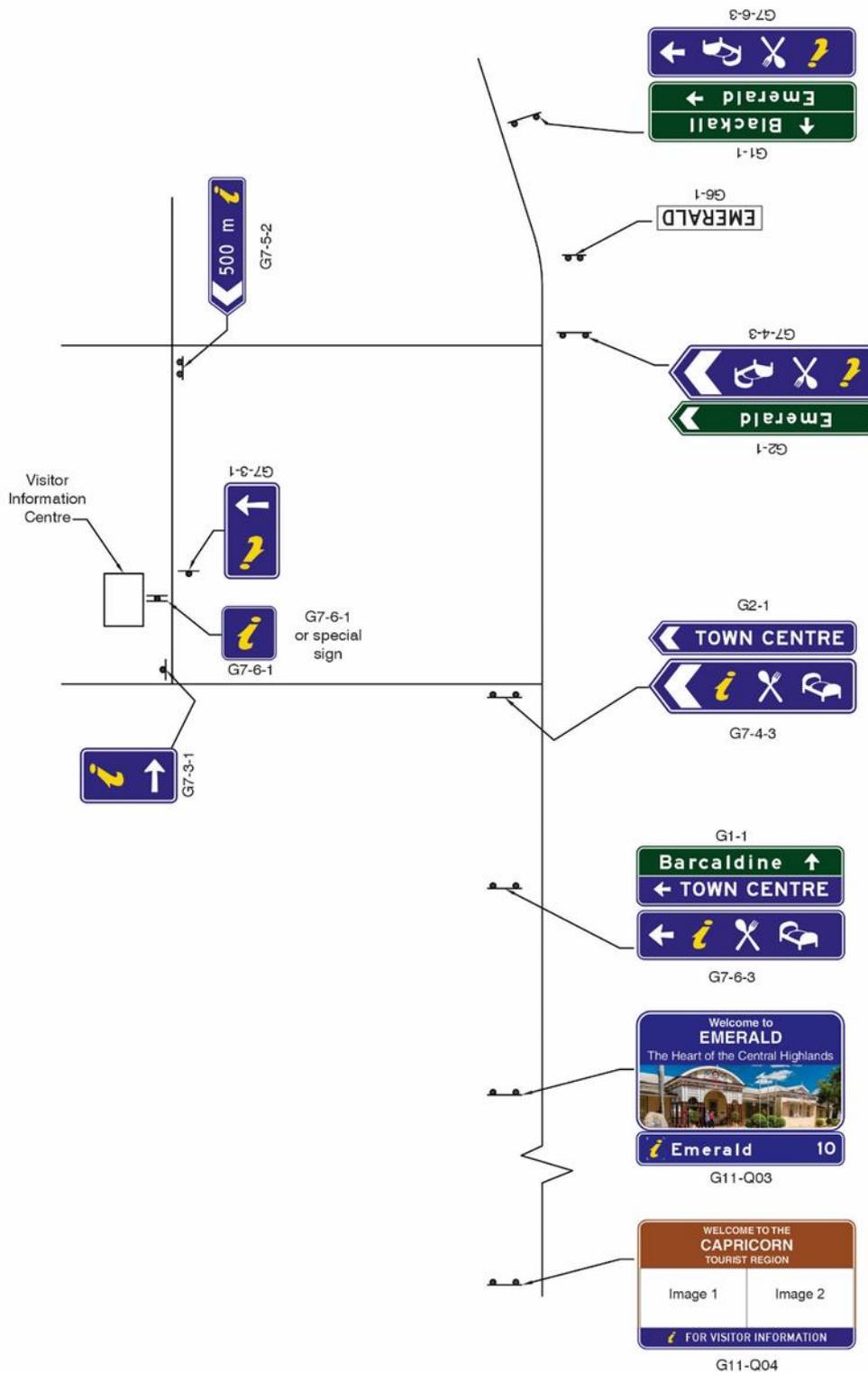
(b) Multiple facility turnoff position sign



(c) Advance turnoff sign

The following Figure 2.2.2(c) replaces Figure 2.3 in the Standard:

Figure 2.2.2(c) – Typical signing to a visitor information centre on an urban side street



2.2.3 Inclusion on gateway signs

Difference

The following Figure 2.2.3 replaces Figure 2.4 in the Standard:

Figure 2.2.3 – Distant advance signing for visitor information centres



Town Welcome Sign Example (G11-Q03)



Tourist Region Welcome Sign Example (G11-Q04)



Welcome to Queensland Sign Example (G11-Q05)

2.3 Visitor information centres – rural areas

Difference

The following Figure 2.3 replaces Figure 2.5 in the Standard:

Figure 2.3 – Supplementary advance signs for visitor information centres in rural areas



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2.4 Tourist information facilities

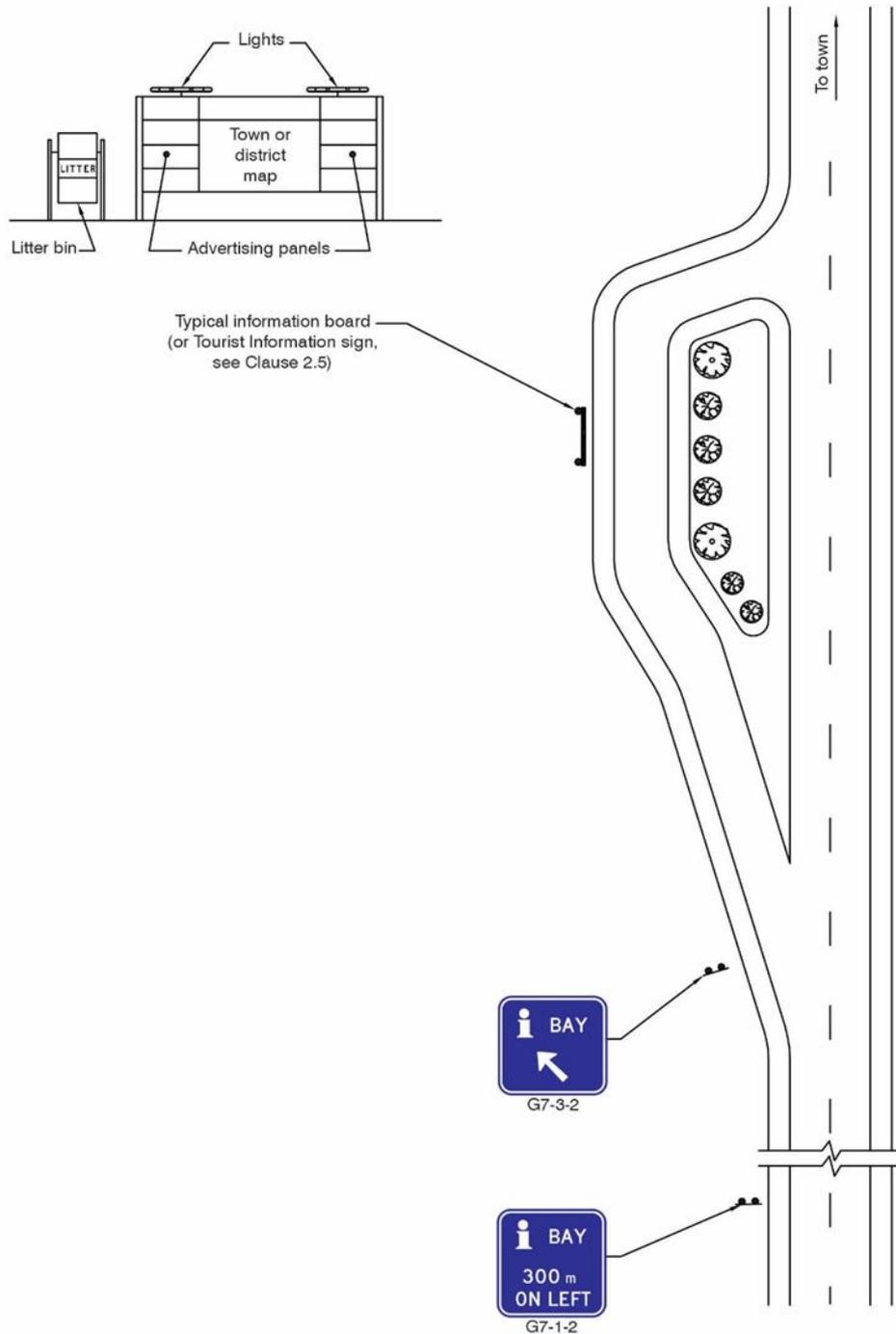
Deletion

Paragraph (d) does not apply in Queensland.

Difference

The following Figure 2.4 replaces Figure 2.7 in the Standard:

Figure 2.4 – Typical signing to a tourist information facility in a rural area



2.5 Tourist information signs

New

Tourist Information Signs may only be erected in off-road locations such as rest areas.

Typically, tourist information signs may include:

- a map of Queensland showing all the Strategic Touring Routes, Important Destination Points and Key Decision Points
- the major available route options (including Strategic Touring Routes, Regional Link Routes, National Highways and National Routes)
- a state or regional Welcome together with short slogans or identifying statements, particularly if coordinated with other aspects of the Visitor Information Network
- additional information such as:
 - regional Tourist Associations product signing
 - historical information
 - key sites and attractions
 - driving or touring in Queensland tips
 - types of Route Markers used in Queensland.

3. Signs for tourist facilities

3.6 Position tourist signs – non-expressway

Addition

The following information also applies:

In addition to other placement requirements, position signs should also be placed at the appropriate vantage point for geographical features visible from the road (refer Clause 3.8.1.3).

3.8 Tourist features

3.8.1 Features visited by tourists

3.8.1.3 Geographical features viewed by the tourist

New

The following information also applies in Queensland:

Position signs G11-3 or G11-4 may be used to indicate prominent geographic features which are some distance from the road, are considered to be worth pointing out to tourists, and can be viewed without stopping; for example, mountain peaks, waterfalls, named rock formations. They should be visible to travellers for at least five seconds at the prevailing speed.

The signs should not be used to indicate topographic features, such as rivers, creeks, hills, and so on, traversed by the road. These should be signed using geographical feature signs in the G6 series as described in Part 2 of the *Manual*.

The sign shall not be located where it might distract a driver's attention from a potential hazard ahead. Any sign which might encourage drivers to stop on an expressway type road shall not be permitted.

3.9 Tourist attractions

3.9.2 Guidelines for signing

Addition

The Department of Transport and Main Roads specifies guidelines for attractions on state-controlled roads.

The following are minimum requirements for determining the provision of signposting for tourist establishments in Queensland:

- a) The establishment shall be a recognised tourist attraction.
- b) The establishment shall be of genuine interest to tourists and shall cater for casual visitations (that is, not only pre-booked visits).
- c) Adequate parking shall be available in the vicinity of the establishment.
- d) The establishment is to be open to the public at reasonably expected times, not less than five days a week, which should include a Saturday or Sunday, throughout the year. Signing may be approved where an establishment operates for lesser periods where it can be shown that local factors would make year-round operation inappropriate. In such cases, it is expected that the establishment will operate continuously during recognised periods, with signs hidden from view at other times.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads specifies guidelines for establishments on state-controlled roads. Generally, minimum annual tourist patronage levels are specified in areas or on roads where road space for non-essential signs is scarce. These limits may vary by region of the state, with respect to level of tourist activity and the type of road. The guidelines also include costs associated with the signposting of tourist establishments. Local governments may also specify guidelines.

Parking signs (either with the legend PARKING or P symbol 'S14') are not generally required for tourist establishments as the signposting for the establishment itself indicates where to park. Where a parking area is remote from the establishment, it should be signed in a similar manner to that outlined in Clause 3.2, replacing the feature name with the name of the establishment.

3.10 Major tourist features and attractions

3.10.4 Special tourist area sign

New

The special tourist area sign G11-Q02 or GE11-Q01_2 may be used in advance of a turn-off to a tourist area or destination where access is available to other tourist areas or destinations (such as islands). Its use is recommended to control the proliferation of individual facility signs that might otherwise occur.

This type of sign may be considered for use at arterial road junctions, remote from regional tourist areas, which are primary feeders to the area and where it is known that significant numbers of travellers unfamiliar with the area will require directions.

Since the sign contains a large amount of legend, it should not be erected where it may distract drivers at a critical location; that is, it should be located in advance of the normal direction signs. Where it is

required that additional detailed information be provided, a tourist information facility (see Clause 2.4) may be provided a short distance beyond the sign.

Figure 3.10.4 – Special tourist area sign examples



G11-Q02



GE11-Q01_2

3.11 Tourist destinations

Difference

The following Figure 3.11 replaces Figure 3.7 in the Standard.

Figure 3.11 – Typical gateway sign at the approach to a tourist region



G11-Q04 Series

3.12 *Signing to tourist facilities from expressway type roads*

Addition

The Department of Transport and Main Roads specifies guidelines for attractions on state-controlled roads (see Appendix F).

4. Tourist drives

4.4 Signs

Addition

The following signs are also used in Queensland:

Table 4.4 – Signs for tourist drives

Tourist drive signs	Sign number	Typical size mm
Logo and arrow	G8-9-9	450 x 800

Figure 4.4 – Signs for tourist drives



G8-9-9

Notes:

1. The arrow, if straight ahead, is placed above the route marker.
2. Neither a numeral nor a symbol is used in conjunction with a logo.

4.5 *Tourist drive route markers – Design*

Addition

The following legend requirements and options also apply:

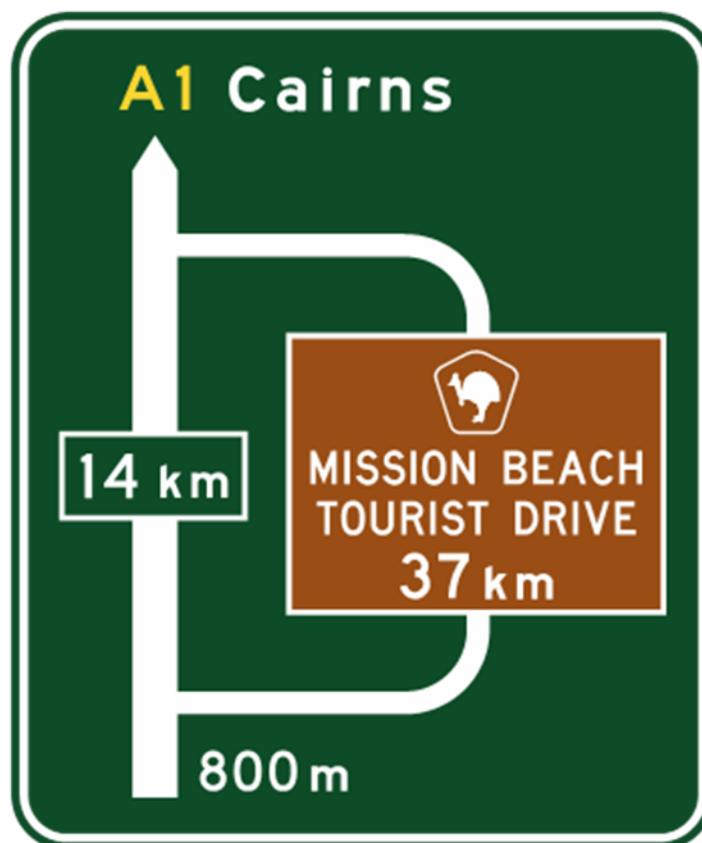
A logo may be added to each marker. This should not be the same logo as a themed way logo unless the entire themed way is route marked (not normally the case). Recommendations for the design of logos are given in Appendix G. Neither a numeral nor a standard symbol should be added to a marker with a logo.

4.7 Tourist drive information signs

Difference

The following Figure 4.7 replaces Figure 4.3 in the Standard.

Figure 4.7 – Tourist drive information signs



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5. Signing for services

5.3 Roadside stopping places – non-expressway

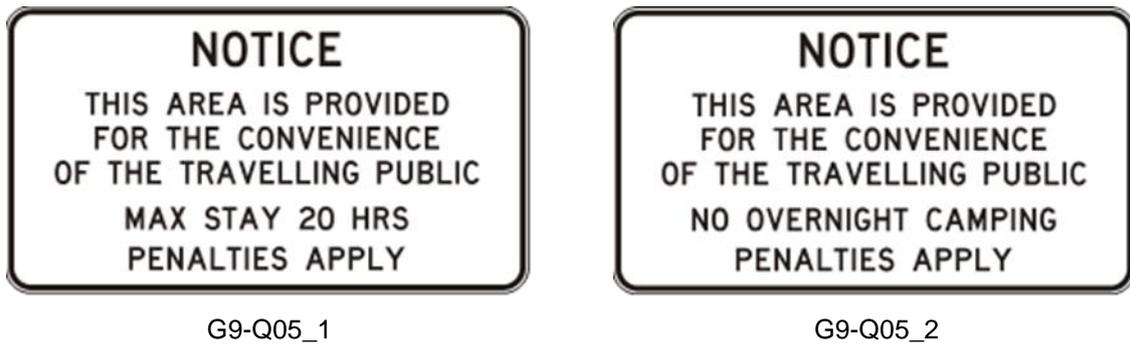
5.3.2 Signing

Addition

The sign G9-Q05-1 bearing the legend 'NOTICE-THIS AREA IS PROVIDED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC; MAX STAY 20 HRS; PENALTIES APPLY', may be erected to advise travellers that a rest area is not a camping area and the maximum period travellers are permitted to remain at the rest area is 20 hours.

The sign G9-Q05-2 bearing the legend 'NOTICE-THIS AREA IS PROVIDED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC; NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING; PENALTIES APPLY', may be erected to advise travellers that the rest area is meant for short breaks to manage fatigue and must not be utilised as an overnight camping area. These signs may, where necessary, be erected at other roadside stopping places.

Figure 5.3.2 – Sign G9-Q05-1 and G9-Q05-2



5.4 Commercial services – non-expressway

5.4.1 General

Difference

The following replaces paragraph (iv):

- (iv) Where it is necessary to assist travellers to distinguish particular types of accommodation establishments, a word descriptor such as HOTEL, MOTEL, HOSTEL, GUEST HOUSE, or CABINS shall be added to signs carrying the accommodation symbol (S6). Such additional legends would be the exception rather than the rule and would generally only be used in situations where confusion as to the type of service available may result: for example, a hotel and motel close to each other.

Difference

The following replaces the NOTE:

NOTE: The signposting of commercial services from within a road reserve may require the approval of the relevant state or local authority.

Commercial services should only be signed where the service is available at reasonably expected times for travellers. The Department of Transport and Main Roads specifies guidelines for services on roads under the control of the department. These guidelines include costs associated with the signposting of commercial services. Local governments may also specify guidelines.

5.4.3 Services along a side road

5.4.3.1 General

Addition

The following also applies in Queensland:

Signposting of commercial services on side roads is not normally permitted in built up areas. In other areas, signing of a commercial service on a side road, some distance from the main road, is provided only where the services on the side road are not available on the main road within the vicinity.

5.5 Community facilities – non-expressway

5.5.2 Symbolic signs

Addition

The following additional signs are used in Queensland:

- (g) Parking: The parking direction signs may be used where it is desired to show the direction to a nearby off street parking facility (free of charge, or fee payment) for use by the general public.
- (h) Park and Ride: Park and Ride signs may be used to direct motorists to park and ride facilities.

The signs should contain the parking symbol P with the appropriate transportation symbol (S14-Q01, S14-Q02, S14-Q03 or S14-Q04) and an arrow or word message. The location of the facility; that is, suburb name, may be included on the sign below the symbol.

Where the sign is used at an exit situation on a multilane divided road, the legend *Park & Ride* may be incorporated into the sign.

Figure 5.5.2 – Parking signs



S14-Q01



S14-Q02



S14-Q03



S14-Q04

5.7 Signing to services from expressway type roads

5.7.2 Expressway rest areas, service centres and information bays

Addition

At service centres that are installed in accordance with the Department of Transport and Main Roads Service Centre Policy, extra advance warning may be necessary.

Figure 5.7.2(a) – Service centre sign examples



GE7-3-Q01



GE6-Q08

Addition

On wide freeways (for example, six and eight lane facilities) with close interchange spacings, additional advance signing can be used in the vicinity of interchange overpasses, or well downstream of on-ramps, to give motorists more time to move to the left of the roadway.

Figure 5.7.2(b) – Service centre patch on a reassurance sign example



GE4-1-Q01

Figure 5.7.2(c) – Typical signing at expressway service centre with direct access

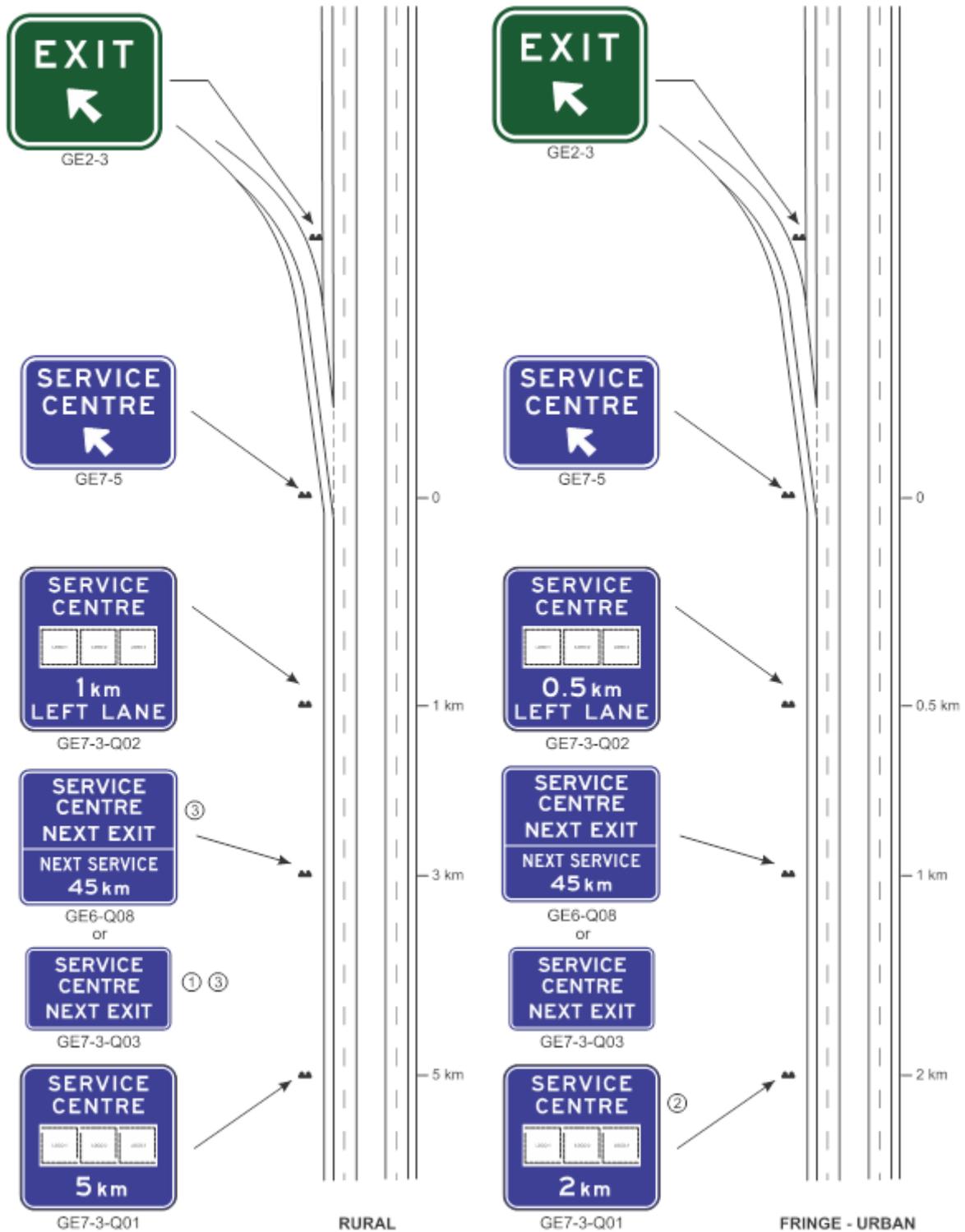
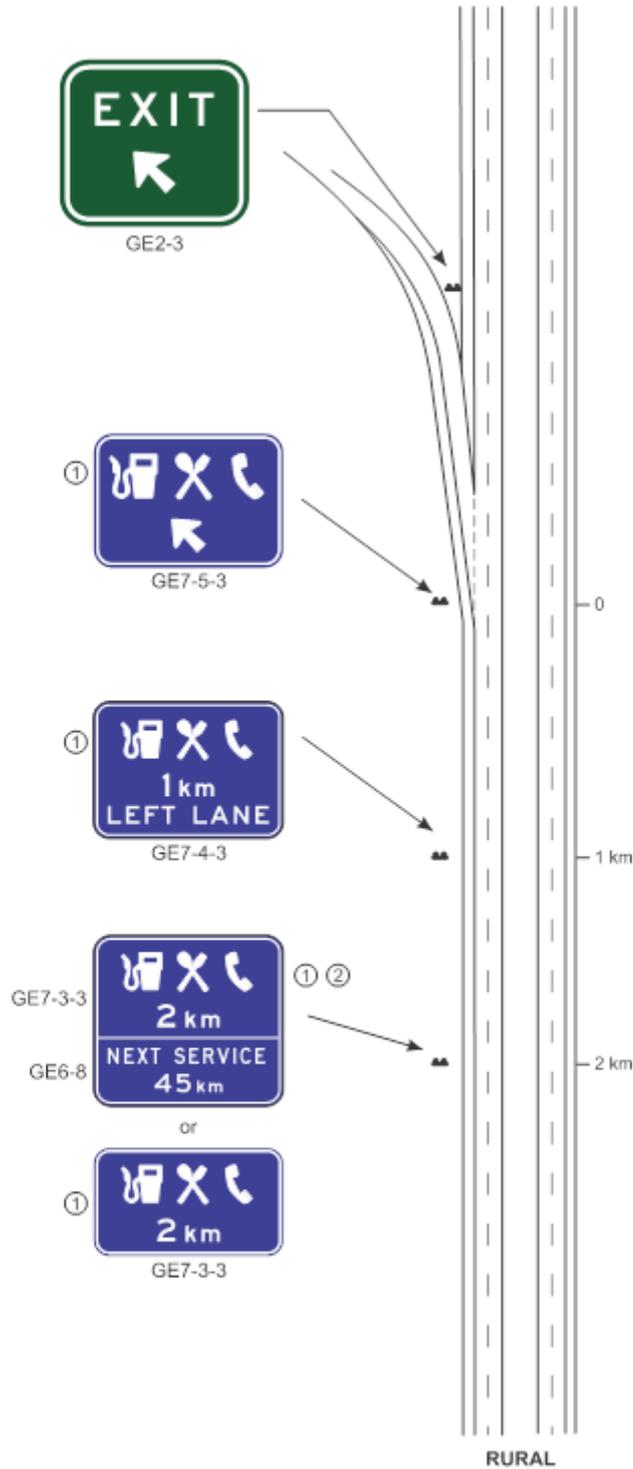


Figure 5.7.2(d) – Typical signing at expressway service station (upgraded facilities) with direct access



5.7.3 Signing to services off the expressway

Addition

The following figures are in addition to the Standard.

Figure 5.7.3(a) – Typical signing at service centre with indirect access

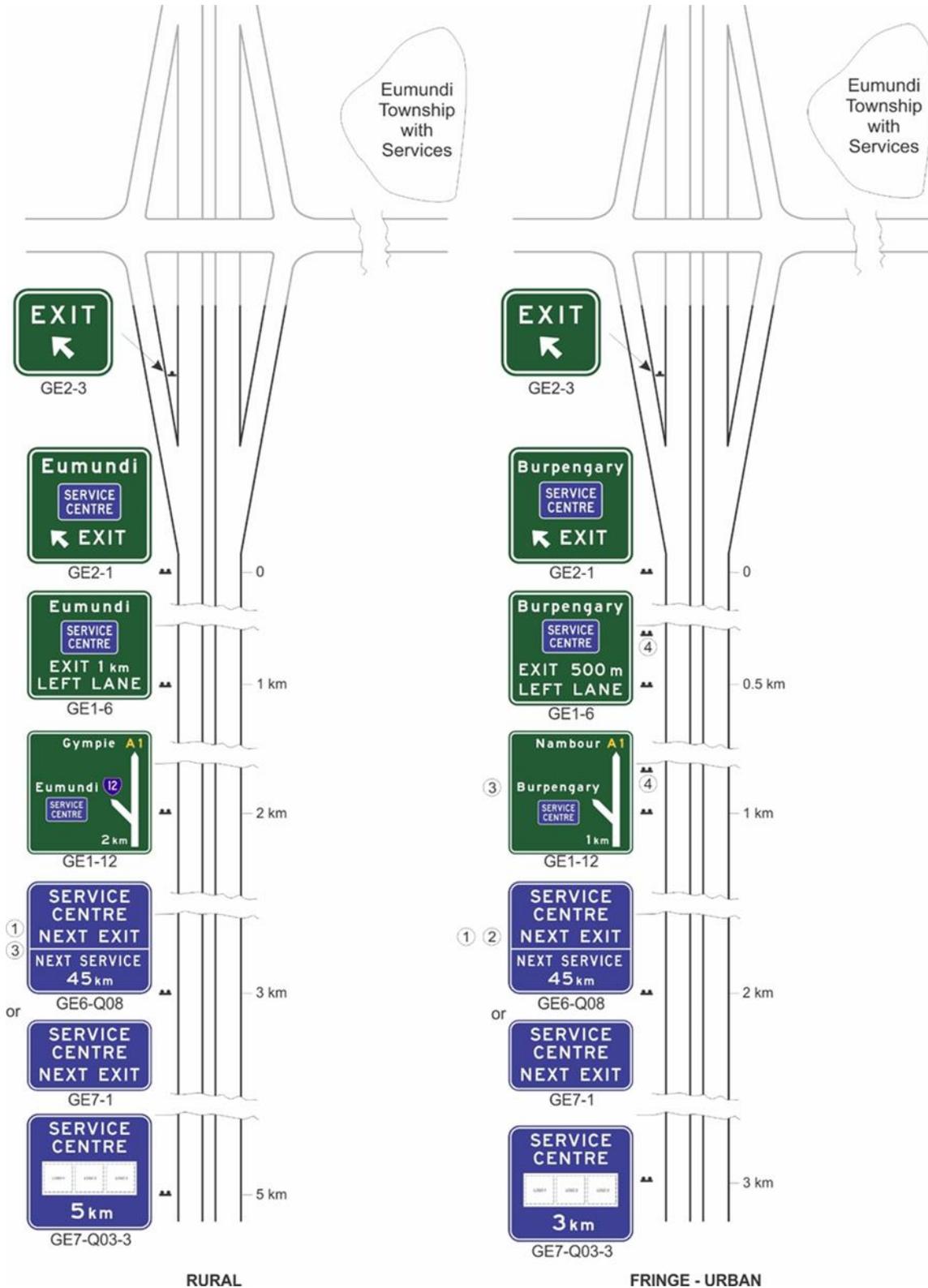
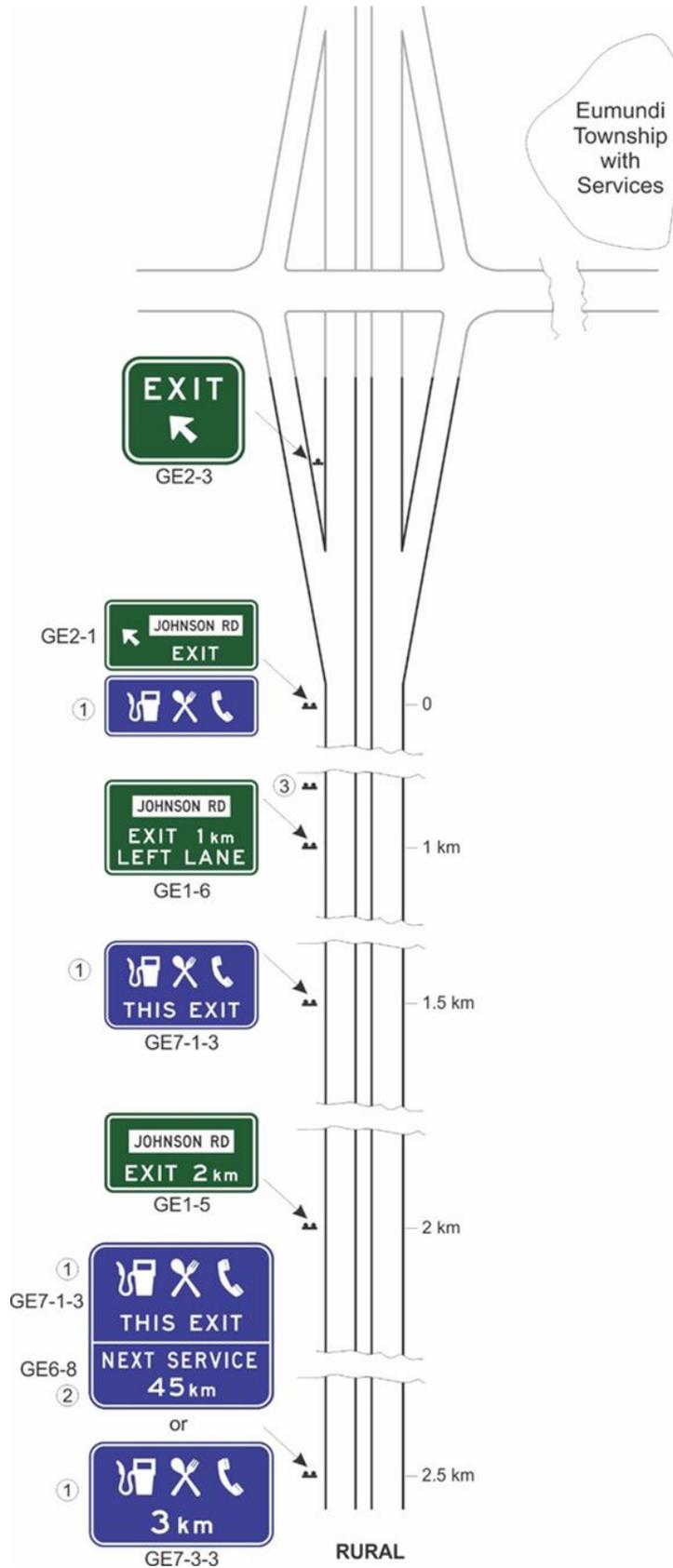


Figure 5.7.3(b) – Typical signing at service station (with upgraded facilities) with indirect access



6. Trail route signing

6.1 Scope

New

This section sets out the general principles for installation and location of trail signs for National and local trail routes.

6.2 General

New

The National Trail is a trail provided for bushwalkers and horse riders. It extends from Cooktown in Queensland to Melbourne, Victoria. The trail includes historic sites and, where possible, follows the route travelled by pioneers. The Trail has been designed to ensure minimal conflict between motorists and trail users.

Local Trail routes have also been implemented in Queensland and, largely, follow the same intent of National Trails; however, these local routes may have different signing arrangements.

6.3 Trail signs

New

A number of signs have been developed for use in conjunction with trail routes. These signs fall into two categories:

- a) signs on the road to warn motorists of possible conflicts with trail users
- b) signs on the trail to warn trail users of the presence of a road and to direct trail users.

Signing of these crossings may be omitted where all of the following apply:

1. traffic volumes are less than 500 vehicles per day, and
2. there is sufficient sight distance, from vehicles to the trail users at the crossing point and vice versa, as per the [*Road Planning and Design Manual Volume 3 Part 3*](#), and
3. sight distance is maintained: that is, through regular roadside maintenance.

6.3.1 Signs on the road

6.3.1.1 Trail crossings

New

Trails may be either Local or National Trails, with different signing schemes existing for each. Signs may be used as per Table 6.3.1.1 following.

Table 6.3.1.1 – Trail (National and Local) crossing signs

Signs	Usage notes	
W6-Q01		Shall be used to warn of the presence of a National Trail crossing. Shall be used with the supplementary plate CROSSING 300 m (W8-Q02) mounted below it.
W6-Q03		Shall be used to warn of the presence of a Local Trail crossing. Shall be used with the supplementary plate CROSSING 300 m (W8-Q02) mounted below it.
W8-Q02		Shall be mounted 300 m in advance of the crossing with either the NATIONAL TRAIL CROSSING sign (W6-Q01) or TRAIL CROSSING sign (W6-Q03).
W8-17-1		Shall be used to warn motorists that the trail is adjacent to the road (that is, within or in close proximity to the road reserve). The NATIONAL TRAIL CROSSING sign (W6-Q01) or TRAIL CROSSING sign (W6-Q03) is used with the supplementary plate NEXT ... m (W8-17-2) or NEXT ... km (W8-17-1) as appropriate. This signing arrangement shall also be used to warn motorists that the road ahead will be shared by trail users and motorists: for example, on bridges, in narrow cuttings, or at any other location where a separate trail route is not practicable.
W8-17-2		

Example layouts of the above signage are provided in Clause 6.3.3.

6.3.2 Signs on the trail

6.3.2.1 Trail road crossing

New

The National trail ROAD CROSSING sign (W6-Q02) is used immediately preceding a road crossing of a trail with the supplementary plate WAIT TILL ROAD CLEAR (W8-Q05) mounted below it.

Figure 6.3.2.1 – Trail road crossing signs



Example layouts of this signage are provided in Clause 6.3.3.

6.3.2.2 National trail direction signs

New

The NATIONAL TRAIL direction sign (G11-Q01) should be used on the National Trail where it is on or adjacent to a road, to direct the trail user. The WATCH FOR TRAFFIC (W8-Q06) should be used with the initial G11-Q01 and any repeater signs, to warn of possible conflicts with motorists.

NOTE: Signs G11-Q01 and W8-Q06 have non-reflectorized backgrounds.

Figure 6.3.2.2 – National trail direction signs

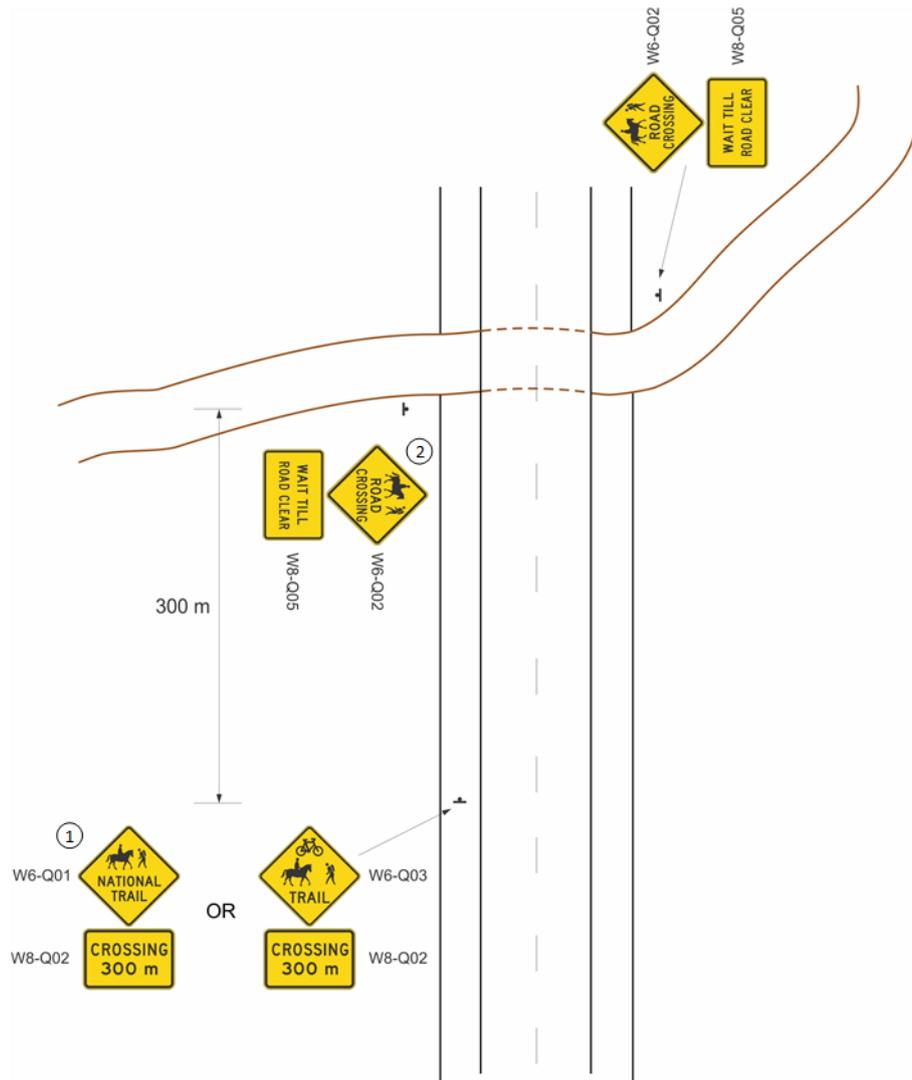


Example layouts of this signage are provided in Clause 6.3.3.

6.3.3 Example signage layouts

Example signage layouts for trail routes (National or Local) are provided in the following figures.

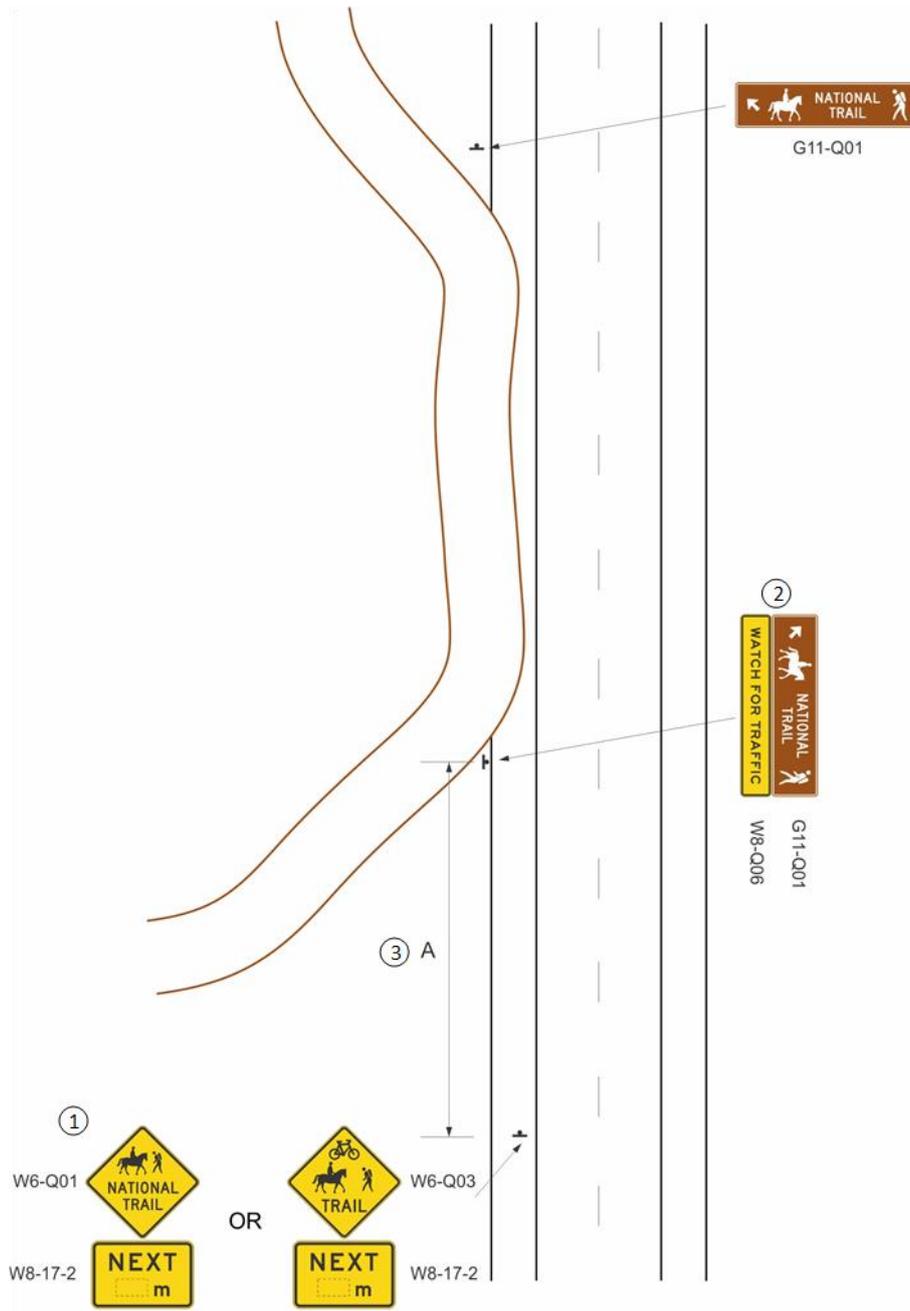
Figure 6.3.3(a) – Example signage layout for a trail (National or Local) route crossing



NOTES:

1. The W6-Q01 / W8-Q02 assembly is used on National Trails, and the W6-Q03 / W8-Q02 is used on Local Trails, see Clause 6.3.1 for guidance. Advance warning signs, where used, shall be used on both approaches to the trail crossing.
2. The W6-Q02 / W8-Q05 assembly may be used on both Local and National Trails, see Clause 6.3.2.1 for guidance.

Figure 6.3.3(b) – Example signage layout for a trail (National or Local) along a road corridor



NOTES:

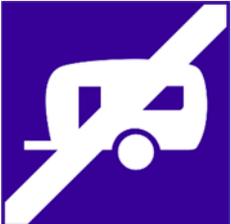
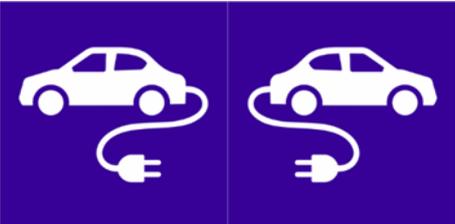
1. The W6-Q01 / W8-Q02 assembly is used on National Trails, and the W6-Q03 / W8-Q02 is used on Local Trails, see Clause 6.3.1 for guidance. Advance warning signs, where used, shall be used on both approaches to the trail crossing.
2. The G11-Q01 / W8-Q06 assembly is used on National Trails to guide trail users, see Clause 6.3.2.2 for guidance. National Trail guide signs shall be used in both directions of travel along a National Trail.
3. For dimension A, refer to Queensland MUCTD Part 1 Clause 1.12.2.

Appendices

Appendix B: Symbols for use on services signs (normative)

Addition

Table B1 – Symbol numbers and symbols

			
SQ01 – TRAIN	SQ02 – BUS	SQ03 – FERRY	SQ04 – VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
			
SQ06 – UNSUITABLE FOR CARAVANS	SQ07 – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION		SQ08 – LIGHT RAIL
			
SQ09 – UNIVERSITY CAMPUS	SQ10 – SWIMMING ENCLOSURE		

Appendix F: Queensland specific guidelines (normative)

F1 Tourist signing guidelines

New

The [Tourist and Service Signs guideline](#) provides further requirements for the design and eligibility of these sign types:

- (i) tourist signs for commercial tourist attractions on state-controlled roads (white lettering on brown background)
- (ii) service signs on state-controlled roads (white lettering on blue background)
- (iii) Driving Experiences (State Strategic Touring Routes and Tourist Drives)
- (iv) Welcome signs.

F2 Electric vehicle charging station guidelines

F2.1 Signs

F2.1.1 Electric vehicle charging service sign symbols

New

This symbol (SQ07) may be used on direction and service signs as required to direct motorists to the charging facility.

If required, direction signs to the charging facility should commence from the closest state-controlled road to avoid excessive sign proliferation.

Figure F2.1.1(a) – Electric vehicle charging symbol



SQ07

Signing to electric vehicle charging station facilities is to be in accordance with Section 5 of this *Manual*.

Figure F2.1.1(b) provides examples of service signs using the electric vehicle charging service sign symbol (SQ07).

Figure F2.1.1(b) – Service signing with electric vehicle charging symbol



G7-3-1



G7-3-2



G7-4-1

F2.1.2 Parking restriction signs at electric vehicle charging facility

New

NO PARKING, ELECTRIC VEHICLES EXCEPTED WHILE CHARGING sign (R5-40-Q01) shall be installed to ensure only electric vehicles while charging occupy parking spaces at the charging facility.

Figure F2.1.2 – Parking signs at electric vehicle charging facility



R5-40-Q01

F2.2 Pavement marking

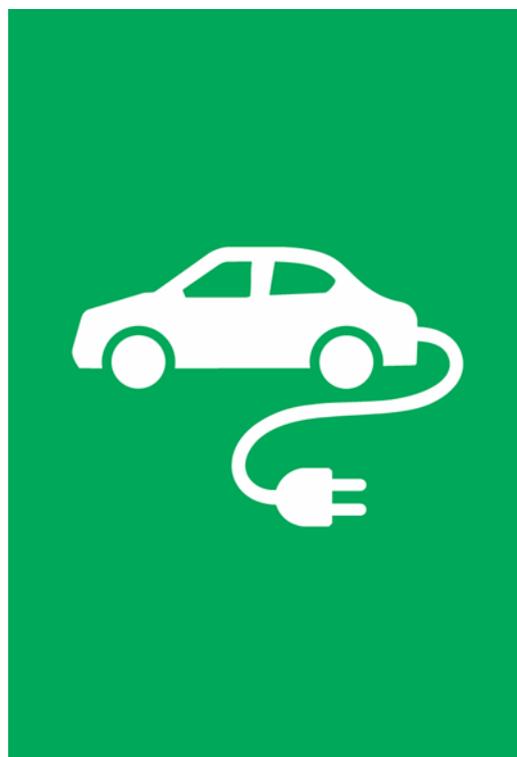
New

Electric vehicle charging bays shall have pavement marking (R5-Q07) in accordance with Figure F2.2 installed to inform motorists of the recharging capability of the bay.

Figure F2. – Option 1: Pavement marking for electric vehicle charging bay



R5-Q07_1



R5-Q07_2

Appendix G: Guidelines for the design of logos (normative)

G1 General

New

This Appendix gives guidelines for the design of logos for use on signs associated with tourist regions, themed tourist ways and tourist drives so that they can be easily recognised and therefore remembered and are suitable for use in the road traffic environment.

G2 Recognition

New

A logo should desirably be recognisable as an object whose form or meaning can be verbalised, rather than an abstract geometric design. This will enable travellers to more easily remember it as they attempt to follow the theme, tourist way or drive. If there is any doubt that a stylised graphical representation cannot be easily recognised, the designer should carry out a simple comprehension test by asking as many people as practicable, what it means. As a guide, at least 85 per cent of people asked should give the sought-after answer.

G3 Legibility

New

A logo should meet the design requirement of AS 1743 *Road signs – Specifications* in respect of the boldness of detail required for long distance legibility in the road traffic environment. As a guide, if the graphical design is superimposed within a 20 x 20 square grid, significant detail and line thickness should not be smaller than one grid square. All detail should be solid: this is, not in outline only.

G4 Colour

New

To conform to colour coding of tourist signs either the logo or its background should be brown. The most suitable colours for use in conjunction will be white or yellow. Dark colours on brown will not have sufficient contrast to maintain the necessary distance legibility.

G5 Clarity of meaning

New

Care should be taken that a logo does not convey a confusing or unintended message.

Examples where confusion might arise include the following:

- a) A stylised numeral could be misread as a route number or a distance.
- b) A graphic close in shape to a standard symbol could be misread as having the meaning of that symbol.

