

Understanding Queensland's dual hatting laws

The *Integrity Act 2009* (**Integrity Act**) prohibits dual hatting by registered lobbyists in Queensland.

What the dual hatting laws mean:

- A person is disqualified from being a registered lobbyist if they perform a **substantial role** in the election campaign of a political party.
- A registered lobbyist who intends to perform a substantial role in an election campaign must, immediately after forming the intention, give the Queensland Integrity Commissioner a notice stating the individual's intention.
- A person who plays a substantial role in an election campaign for a political party that wins the election, and who was a registered lobbyist at any time in the term of government leading to the election, is disqualified from being a registered lobbyist at any time in the new term of government (i.e. for the following four years).

If, however, the political party did not win the election, the person who played a substantial role in the election campaign of that political party, can register as a lobbyist in the new term of government. **The laws can be found in sections 49, 58 and 66A of the Integrity Act.**

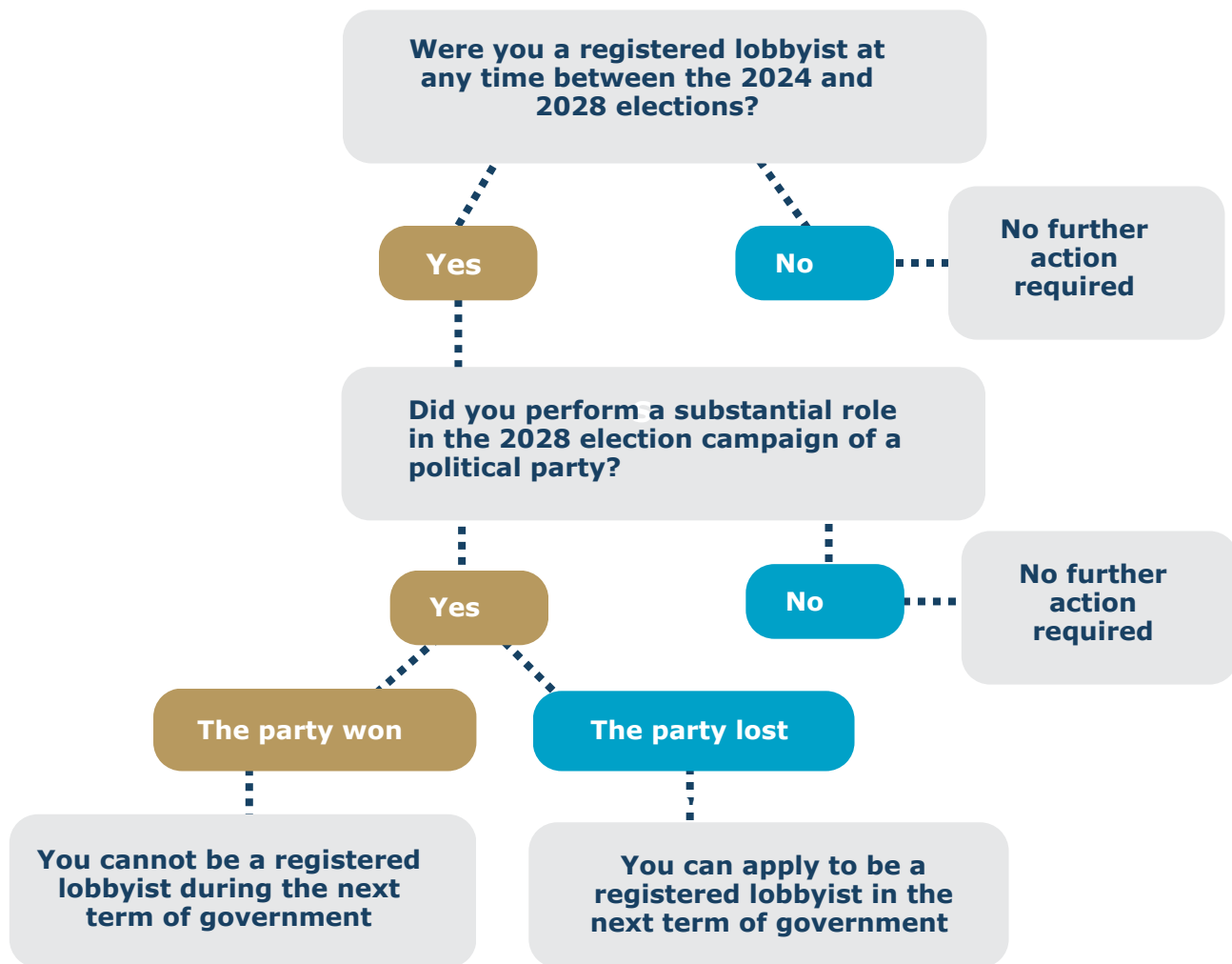
What is a substantial role?

Section 41 of the Integrity Act defines a substantial role in an election campaign of a political party as:

- A role at a senior level, whether paid or unpaid, that:
 - involves employment or engagement by the party; and
 - incorporates significant involvement in the party's election strategy or policy development.
- A substantial role does not include:
 - general membership of a political party
 - volunteering for, or advising, a particular candidate
 - door knocking, placing documents in letter boxes or other campaign communications
 - media liaison
 - handing out how to vote material.

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The following outlines how the provisions will work for the 2028 election.



What action is required by current and former registered lobbyists?

All registered lobbyists, and all individuals who were registered lobbyists at any time during the 2020 term of government, or the current term of government (i.e., since 26 October 2024), must ensure they have read and understood this fact sheet.

A registered lobbyist performing or intending to perform a substantial role in election campaign

- You must immediately notify the Queensland Integrity Commissioner using this [form](#) or by emailing lobbyist@integrity.qld.gov.au if you:
 - are currently a registered lobbyist in Queensland; and
 - are already performing, or intend to perform, a 'substantial role' in the election campaign of a political party.