

Supplementary information on the amendments to the Auckland Transport Election Signs Bylaw

The purpose of this advisory letter is to inform affected parties of Auckland Transport's public consultation on proposed amendments to the Auckland Transport Election Signs Bylaw 2013 ("[Bylaw](#)").

The public consultation will begin on **6 June 2017 and will close at midnight on 26 June 2017**. During this period, feedback can be provided online through the '[Have your say](#)' section of Auckland Transport's website, or by completing the attached freepost feedback form.

What is the Bylaw?

The Bylaw sets out provisions to regulate election signs to be displayed on specified public sites, on vehicles and on private sites, and replaced a variety of provisions for the display of election signs that were put in place across Auckland by the previous legacy councils.

The main purpose of the Bylaw is to ensure that safety issues are considered and amenity values are retained when candidates erect election signs. The aim is to provide certainty for candidates, political parties and the public by having a consistent set of controls for the display of election signs on public sites, private sites and on vehicles.

The Bylaw was made on 30 May 2013, was amended on 12 August 2013 and again on 18 July 2014.

What is happening?

Auckland Transport proposes to amend the Bylaw to clarify controls relating to the display of election signs. It will also remove the present blanket restriction limiting the display of election signs to the nine week period preceding a general election, local election or election for the Auckland Energy Consumer Trust. The proposed amendments to the Bylaw are detailed in the attached document.

Note: Erecting elections signs within the road corridor continues to be at the discretion of Auckland Transport.

The proposed amendments to the Bylaw are to be made by Auckland Transport under the Land Transport Act 1998 ("Act"). Auckland Transport does not consider the likely impact on the public due to the proposed amendments to be significant.

Under the Act, Auckland Transport is required to observe the consultation principles set out in the Local Government Act 2002. This includes an obligation to provide reasonable access to relevant information and the opportunity to present feedback to Auckland Transport for consideration to persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in the proposed amendments to the Bylaw.

How can you have your say?

Auckland Transport is asking the following questions related to this public consultation.

1. What do you think about the proposed amendments?
2. What changes would you make to the proposed amendments?
3. Would you like to see any additional amendments?

You can provide feedback on the proposed amendment by:

- Filling out the attached freepost feedback form
- Going online to the '[Have your say](#)' section of Auckland Transport's website

What are the next steps?

After the public consultation closes, Auckland Transport will summarise the feedback received and produce a report, which will include our recommendation. This report will be published on our [Election signs bylaw web page](#). All submitters who provide contact details will be notified of the recommendation and when this report is available.

It is expected a final decision on the amendments will be made by early August 2017.