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Venue: 7 Hill Road
Manurewa

Manurewa Local Board

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Proposed amendments to Auckland Transport's Election Signs Bylaw 2013

Auckland Transport is undertaking public consultation on proposed amendments to the Auckland Transport Election Signs Bylaw 2013 (the "Bylaw").

The public consultation runs from 6 June 2017 until 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 (the "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?

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.

Proposed Amendments to Auckland Transport Election Signs Bylaw 2013

Proposed additions are underlined
Proposed deletions are ~~scored-through~~

1. Clause 5 Interpretation

Insert in subclause (1) in appropriate alphabetical position:

changeable message signage means publicly visible signage with mechanical or electronic moving images or displays, including LED, neon, and electronically projected images.

2. Clause 7 Controls for election signs:

In subclause (1), revoke paragraph (aa), add new paragraph (ma), and amend paragraphs (b), (d), (g), (j), (m), (n) and (o) as follows:

- (1) A person who displays an election sign must comply with the following controls-
 - ~~(aa) — election signs may only be displayed during the period commencing on the Saturday that is nine weeks before the election day and ending at midnight on the day before the election day.~~
 - (a) election signs must be removed before midnight on the day before election day;
 - (b) election signs for elections under the Electoral Act 1993 must not be displayed on election day;
 - (c) election signs must not exceed 3m² in area except for signs on commercial billboards which may exceed 3m²;
 - (d) ~~election signs must not be displayed in a way that endangers public safety~~ election signs must not obstruct or hinder the safety or movement of persons using the roadway, or unreasonably obstruct or hinder the safety or movement of persons using the footpath or any part of the road;
 - (e) the name and contact details (including a telephone number) of the person responsible for establishing and maintaining the election sign who can be contacted to repair, secure or otherwise take action in relation to the display of the election sign must clearly be displayed on elections signs and must be able to be read from a distance of at least 1m;
 - (f) election signs and their supporting structures must be securely braced and anchored, and constructed, fixed or displayed in a manner so that they will not come loose under normal weather conditions;
 - (g) election signs must not obstruct the safe line of sight of any pedestrian crossing, corner, bend, intersection, vehicle crossing or private entrance, ~~nor obscure any traffic control device~~ determined according to the Austroads Guide to Road Design;

- (h) election signs must not be displayed on roadways other than on a vehicle covered by clause 6(1)(c);
- (i) election signs must not be displayed on footpaths, road medians, roundabouts, traffic islands or any other traffic separation structure or kerbed projection;
- (j) ~~election signs must not be made of, or have affixed, any reflective material that is likely to reflect the light from the headlights of any approaching vehicle~~ election signs must not contain reflective, fluorescent or phosphorescent materials that may reflect headlights, distract, or interfere with the vision of a person using the public place or road;
- (k) election signs, other than on commercial billboards, must not be internally illuminated by any means and must not be externally illuminated by artificial lighting designed specifically to illuminate the election sign;
- Note: Election signs on billboards that are not available for hire or reward, located on private or public sites, must also comply with signage bylaws, the district plans and the unitary plan.*
- (l) *Revoked by Auckland Transport Election Signs (Amendment No 2) Bylaw 2014;*
- (m) election signs must not ~~be animated~~ comprise or include any changeable message signage;
- (ma) election signs must not obstruct, obscure, or impair the view of, or form the background or foreground to, or appear alongside, any traffic control device of similar colour when viewed by the driver of an approaching vehicle;
- (n) ~~election signs must not be similar to or the same as any traffic control device in its shape and colour, and liable to be mistaken for a traffic control device~~ election signs must not resemble, or be likely to be mistaken for, a traffic control device in colour, shape or appearance;
- (o) ~~election signs must not display flashing, revolving or changeable information or images~~ election signs must not use flashing or revolving lights, lasers, or any other method of illumination that may adversely affect the amenity of the surrounding area or traffic safety;
- (p) election signs must not have affixed to it, any moveable part or light that is intended to draw attention to the election sign;
- (q) posters, pamphlets, flags or other material must not be attached to election signs other than material that is securely affixed within the surface area of the sign panel under the authority of the person responsible for that sign.

Feedback form

Proposed amendments to Auckland Transport
Election Signs Bylaw 2013



All feedback must be provided by **midnight on Monday 26 June 2017**

Please go to AT.govt.nz/haveyoursay (or call us on 09 355 3553) to see the proposed amendments to Auckland Transport Election Signs Bylaw 2013. You can also provide feedback at AT.govt.nz/haveyoursay

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 are welcome to attach additional pages (or provide feedback online) if you need more space.

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Business/Organisation: _____

Street Address: _____

Suburb: _____

Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Providing your personal details is optional, however providing us with your postal or email address ensures that we can contact you with updates to the project following the close of consultation.

Privacy: Auckland Transport recognises privacy is an important matter to all people. You can be assured any information you share with us will be treated with strict confidence, and will only be used for the purpose of this consultation.



How did you hear about this project? (PLEASE TICK)

- Information posted/emailed to me
- Auckland Transport website
- News article (paper or online)
- Newspaper advertisement
- Blog e.g. Bike Auckland, Greater Auckland
- Social media e.g. Facebook, Neighbourly
- Word of mouth
- Other (please state)



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