
Notice of Motion (*Puketapapa Local Board view on NZTA consultation on, amongst other things, parking on road verges (berms)*)

In accordance with Standing Orders, please place the following Notice of Motion on the agenda for the Puketāpapa Local Board meeting being held on 16th August 2018.

Recommendation/s

That the Puketapapa Local Board:

- a) **notes** that the NZTA is consulting on changes to Land Transport Rules,
- b) **notes** that the Board has received numerous complaints about vehicles parking on berms causing:
 - i. traffic safety issues
 - ii. damage to berms
 - iii. damage to underground services
- c) **agrees** that Auckland Transport/Auckland Council should have the authority to set regulations allowing general prohibition on parking on grass verges, through a bylaw, without the use of a sign or other markings to notify the public of the restriction
- d) **agrees** that this view be conveyed to the NZTA
- e) **notes** that submissions on this consultation close at 5pm on 24 August 2018,

Background

The NZ Transport Agency is consulting, on behalf of the Minister of Transport, on proposed changes to Land Transport Rules, set out in *Land Transport Rule: Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment 2018*.

Consultation on the proposed changes is being carried out to ensure that legislation is sound and robust and that the Rule development process takes account of the views of, and the impact on, people affected by proposed Rule changes.

The closing date for submissions is 5pm on Friday 24 August 2018.¹

¹ <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/consultation/regulatory-stewardship-omnibus-amendment-2018/regulatory-stewardship-omnibus-amendment-2018-summary.pdf>

Proposal 22 in this consultation states that: “We [NZTA] are considering whether further changes to clause 6.2 of Road User 2004 are needed to address issues related to parking on verges. We are aware that some RCAs [*Road Controlling Authorities*] would like the explicit ability to impose a general prohibition on parking on grass verges, through a bylaw, without the use of a sign or other markings to notify the public of the restriction. To make the bylaw, the RCA would follow the bylaw making process, including public consultation. We are interested in your views and any feedback that you have on this issue. In particular:

- Is there a problem with vehicles being parked off the roadway, on verges and other parts of the road margin?
- What is the nature of the problem; for example, do vehicles obstruct visibility creating a safety risk or do they cause damage?
- If there is a problem, should:

- RCAs have the explicit ability to prohibit parking on grass verges by making a bylaw without the use of signs?

Land Transport Rule 24

Summary - 24 - clause 6.2 be changed to prohibit drivers from parking on verges, and in what circumstances?

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