

## Election Signage Bylaw – Ōrākei Ward and Tāmaki general electorate

This request is in regard to the bylaw for election signs in the Ōrākei ward and Tāmaki general electorate. <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/bylaws/election-signs-bylaw/>

A recent change has seen the time period for display of election signs on parks and reserves in Ōrākei reduced to four weeks prior to election day (all other wards/electorates are 9 weeks).

"Anyone putting up an election sign must be aware that most Local Boards have now limited their landowner approval for installing election signs on their local parks to the 9-week period before an election. (The Orakei Local Board only allows a 4-week period before an election for election signs on local parks and reserves in their area). Putting up an election sign on a public site in a local park outside that time frame is not authorised by the Local Board and the sign could be removed as an unlawful encroachment."

<https://at.govt.nz/media/234171/Election-Signs-Locations-in-Orakei.pdf>

Can you please provide the following:

- When was this decision made and by which party(s)?
- On what basis was the decision in Ōrākei made? Please provide any briefing papers, minutes, requests for public submissions, and copies of submissions.
- When will this bylaw be formally reviewed?
- Will it be in force for the 2020 general election?
- What procedure should I follow to appeal the bylaw in Ōrākei?
- Any other information or advice that would be helpful to reviewing and appealing this bylaw decision as it relates to Ōrākei/Tāmaki.

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The [Election Signs Bylaw](#) is a bylaw made by Auckland Transport.

Signs may be erected on private property or on designated sites that are public places. There are two types of designated sites: road reserve and parks. Auckland Transport approves the designated sites for road reserves. Parks are under the control of local boards. Clause 6 (3) in the bylaw states:

*“(3) Prior to specifying a site as suitable for the display of election signs Auckland Transport must—  
(a) obtain approval for any site located within a local park from the local board allocated responsibility for that local park; and  
(b) take into consideration any comments made by a local board responsible for the area on any proposed site that is not in a local park.”*

The Orakei Local Board resolved on 16 November 2017:

*That the Ōrākei Local Board:*

- a) amends landowner approvals for election signs to provide a four week time restriction on local parks and reserves in the Ōrākei Local Board area as identified in the List of Election Sign Sites.*
- b) requests Auckland Transport's Traffic Control Committee to provide a four week time restriction for election signs on road reserves to provide a consistency for public sites across Auckland.*
- c) requests Auckland Transport's Traffic Control Committee to consider updating its List of Election Sign Sites to reflect these time restrictions in accordance with clause 6 of the Election Signs Bylaw 2013.*
- d) formally requests speaking rights at the next Auckland Transport Traffic Control Committee meeting and at the next Auckland Transport Board meeting.*
- e) requests that the above resolutions be forwarded to all local boards for their information.*

[https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2017/11/OR\\_20171116\\_MIN\\_7213.htm](https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2017/11/OR_20171116_MIN_7213.htm)

The report is here (item 16):

[https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2017/11/OR\\_20171116\\_AGN\\_7213\\_AT\\_WEB.htm](https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2017/11/OR_20171116_AGN_7213_AT_WEB.htm)

There is work being done by the Auckland Council Bylaws Team on a proposal to integrate the Auckland Transport Election Signs Bylaw into the Auckland Council Signage Bylaw. There will be public consultation before any changes are made. The time frame for this will be clearer after this year's elections.