

Regional Public Transport Plan (AT)

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To: Regional Public Transport Plan (AT)
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Although Port Waikato is in Waikato DC all of our needs in the way of shopping, medical centres and entertainment are met/found in Pukekohe or other Auckland centres. Please remember our once a week bus service which is the only public transport to serve this community. The pensioners and those on benefits rely on this service to enable them independently to get their shopping done, go to the dentist or cater to other needs.

Without this service a number of people will have to rely on good will to have their needs met.

It would also seem prudent to extend the planned electric railway to Tuakau as there are proposals to house many more people in both Tuakau and Pokeno.

Sincerely
Jennifer Butler

PS I could not find your official submission form.
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From: Margaret Harris
Sent: Sunday, 2 December 2012 18:24
To:
Cc: Regional Public Transport Plan (AT)
Subject: LATE SUBMISSION NOT ACCEPTED
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Dear Ministers, Mr Peters and Auckland Transport personnel,

The Draft Auckland Regional Public Transport Plan has just a few sentences (page 35) which strike fear into the hearts of the senior residents of Waiheke who are reliant on the ferry to Auckland as their connection with the many services not found on Waiheke. I refer to the proposal to deny use of the SuperGold Card post 3 pm.

Many of us decided to make our permanent home here at least partly based on the availability of the SuperGold Card for ferry use.

I have already written to Auckland Transport expressing my concerns at the proposal.

This letter expresses concern at the clear misuse of the SuperGold card at least in respect of the ferries to and from Waiheke.

Sections 8 and 9 of the Social Security (SuperGold Card) Regulations 2007 (the Regulations) deal with eligibility for the SuperGold Card Basically a person is 'residentially qualified' per S 8 if (and only if) he or she is ordinarily resident in New Zealand, and -

- (a) is a New Zealand citizen; or
- (b) is the holder of a residence class visa granted under the Immigration Act 2009.

We see many people who are using the SuperGold card to get free transport on the ferry who clearly fit neither of the above categories, and nor do they fit into the alternative categories outlined in S 8 for certain people under 65.

For example the other day a Japanese couple used the SuperGold card to obtain a free ticket from the Fullers attendant. They neither spoke nor understood any English. How could they possibly live in NZ for even a week and not understand a word?

I spoke to the Fullers person who shook his head and said they see 'hundreds' of similar rorts.

Genuine SuperGold card users who have paid tax and local body rates in New Zealand for many years should not be threatened with removal of the post 3 pm concession by Auckland Transport when there is insufficient checking of the identity of the Card Holder.

Choice to have photograph on the card

Section 7 of the Regulations gives a person the option of electing to have a photograph of himself or herself on his or her card.

What!! What wimpy legislation!!

No choice about it. Photographs for identification Must be made compulsory if the current practise of 'card passing' is to cease. No photo ID, no free ticket.

Yours sincerely

M. Harris

Margaret Harris,