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NZT-3506

Dear Pankaj,

Thank you for your email of 6 December 2018 regarding the legality of cars parked on roadsides for sale across New Zealand. The Ministry of Transport has transferred your request to the NZ Transport Agency for response.

Parking a vehicle on any state highway for the purpose of selling the vehicle is prohibited under Bylaw 1999/14 – Bylaw Prohibiting the Sale of Vehicles on State Highways. The only exception to this is if permission has been obtained from the Transport Agency or their delegate first.

The Transport Agency is authorised to remove vehicles that are stopped or parked on the state highway in breach of the bylaw if it considers that the vehicles constitute a threat to the safety of road users or the efficiency of the state highway network. If you come across any cars parked on the state highway road network for sale please call 0800 822 422 and the Transport Agency will investigate the situation and will arrange for the cars to be removed, if appropriate.

I hope this response clarifies your query. If you would like information on what restrictions apply to parking on the roads other than state highways, you will need to contact the relevant road controlling authorities (such as the relevant local council) or search their website for the relevant bylaw where they set traffic and parking controls.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency please contact Suzanne Gledhill, Legal Counsel, by email at [suzanne.gledhill@NZTA.govt.nz](mailto:suzanne.gledhill@NZTA.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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