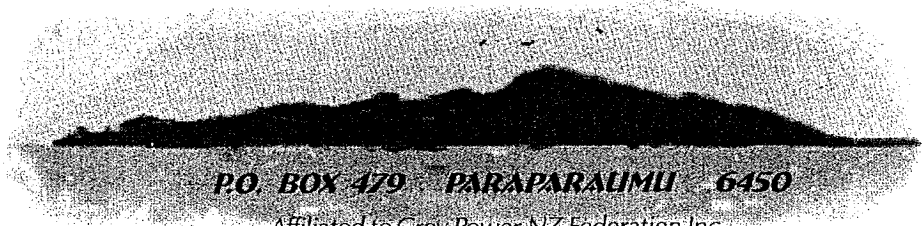


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Anthony Cross  
Manager - Transport Services Design  
Metlink  
Greater Wellington Council  
P.O. Box 11 646  
Wellington

May 3 2006

Dear Sir,

I have been asked to respond to you in respect of your letter of 18 April last and the proposals contained in it.

Grey Power Kapiti, holds the following views:

In general, Grey Power Kapiti understands the need to rationalise fares for operational efficiency and to bring fares into line with the current economic changes. Further we hope that such changes and rationalisations do not disadvantage this currently undervalued and under resourced section of the population.

1/The concept of basic and consistent fare structure across all service is a good one, provided that this structure can be understood and that it doesn't further disadvantage senior citizens.

2/The use of smart cards to book pre-book travel by senior citizens, may be seen as a stumbling block, as not all desire to use this technology. We'd recommend alternatives be available at booking points that can be understood and readily used.

3/Discounting the value of the trips when using smart cards must also apply to any senior citizen ticketing system, otherwise your system will clearly discriminate against the elderly.

4/ The discount levels applied for those under 18 years of age, might be open to abuse as many "under 18's" might be fully employed and thus able to pay for a 10 trip ticket.

5/50 percent discount for under 18 and over 65 years of age travellers. We applaud the idea of the 50 percent discount, provided that the mechanism for obtaining it is not too complex for seniors to work with.

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6/We believe that the Metlink concession card should be available to all senior citizens at no cost upon production of their "super identity card".

7/ We believe that there will be active discrimination against beneficiaries who are less than 65 years of age because of their circumstances. Therefore we feel any and all discounts schemes must apply to all registered beneficiaries.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on this scheme and hope you find our comments useful

Please address any correspondence to

The Secretary  
Kapiti Coast Grey Power  
as above

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Bicknell", with a small flourish at the end.

Yours sincerely for the Committee  
Terry Bicknell