



Media Release

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WAVERLEY COUNCIL SHOULD SUPPORT BONDI CLEARWAY

The NSW Government is delivering 300 new buses for commuters.

Embargoed until Thursday 10 September 2009

Minister for Transport David Campbell today called on Waverley Council to approve a permanent summer clearway along Bondi Road, to improve traffic flow for local residents, and encourage visitors to use public transport.

Mr Campbell said Waverley Council was increasing charges for parking in the area and for that reason, it should support the clearway, to give locals and visitors more options over the busy summer period.

“The NSW Government has debated with Council for many years to get a clearway trial underway and we ended up doing it last summer without Council support,” Mr Campbell said.

“Previously, around 1,400 vehicles used just one lane during the peak period and this resulted in queuing and congestion.

“The trial involved establishing a clearway on weekends and public holidays, running westbound along Bondi Road between 3pm and 7pm, from December 2008 and March 2009.”

Mr Campbell said a report on the trial found it resulted in a number of benefits, including:

- Improving bus reliability
- Improving bus commute travel times
- Improving access to bus services
- And encouraging more people to use public transport.

Mr Campbell said the Government was tabling the report into the trial, along with a submission to implement the clearway for future summers, for consideration by the Council's Traffic Committee.

“There's no doubt that the clearway along Bondi Road made a real difference to local residents and visitors getting home from a great day out at Bondi Beach,” Mr Campbell said.

“Locals residents and visitors deserve to have easy access to this great beach and not be stuck traffic trying to get home at the end of the day.

“If Waverley Council is serious about encouraging people to use public transport it should support the clearway so that it can be put in place again for future summers.”

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