

# Have your say on the Wollongong bus layover relocation

November 2023



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

Transport for NSW is seeking feedback on potential locations for new bus layover locations in Wollongong and Shellharbour.

## What are we proposing?

Transport is assessing a number of sites in the Illawarra to identify the most appropriate locations for bus layover facilities.

The project is being carried out in response to a request from Wollongong City Council for the permanent relocation of the existing Wollongong bus layover, currently located on Marine Drive, to support council's future vision for Lang Park.



## Why are we doing this?

Bus layovers are an important part of bus operations. They ensure our drivers are safe, have ease of access to facilities between their services, and are close to the start and end of bus routes. The current layover site at Marine Park services around 200 bus layover stops per day.

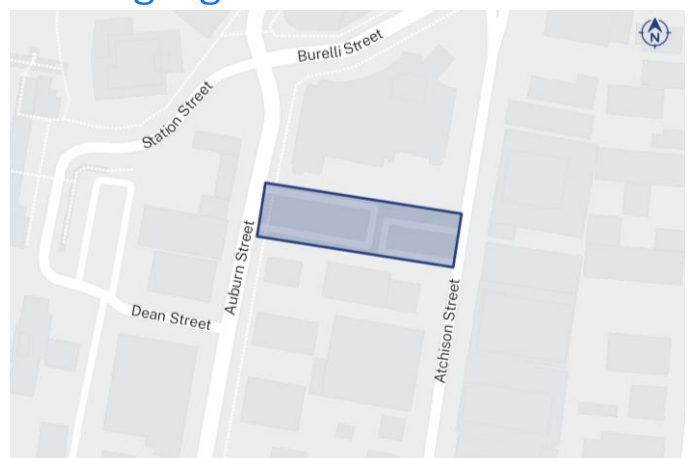
Transport has reviewed more than 20 locations as part of this process and considered all necessary layover requirements in collaboration with Wollongong City Council, Illawarra bus operators and the Transport Workers Union. These

requirements include customer outcomes, layover capacity, vehicle access, route coverage, adjacent land use, driver safety and access to facilities.

Following a collaborative options assessment that considered these requirements, three complementary sites have been identified as the preferred future sites. We are now seeking community feedback on these locations.

Transport is proposing the use of multiple sites to enable bus services to continue to grow and support the Illawarra region into the future. The three preferred sites are Atchison Street car park in Wollongong, Wollongong Train Station car park and Oak Flats Train Station car park.

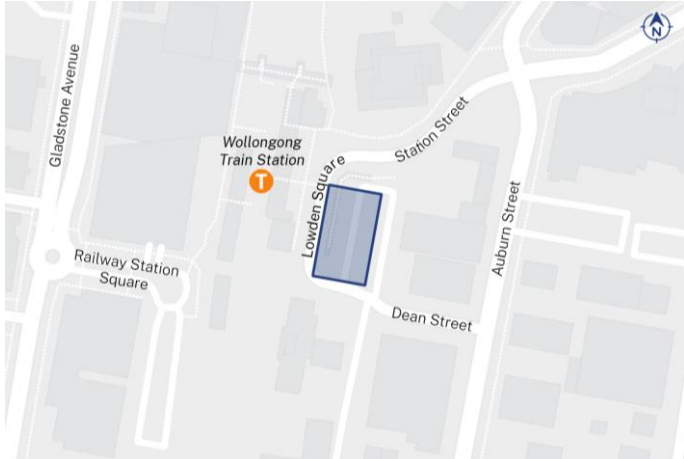
## Site 1 - Atchison Street car park, Wollongong



The Atchison Street car park has capacity for 11 bus parking spaces and toilet and breakroom facilities. The site is 1.5 kilometres away from the current Marine Drive layover site. Repurposing

this site will result in a loss of paid car parking spaces near Wollongong CBD.

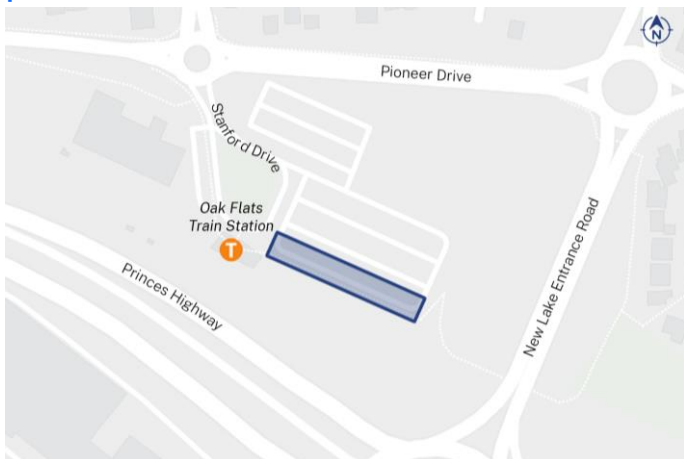
## Site 2 - Wollongong Train Station car park



Converting part of Wollongong Train Station car park would create six bus parking spaces. Bus drivers would also be able to access existing facilities at the station. It is located 1.6 kilometres from the current layover site on Marine Drive.

The changes would result in a reduction in unpaid car parking spaces. Work required would include converting Lowden Square into a one-way loop, relocating bike lockers and taxi ranks, and some upgrades to the existing parking lot, such as line marking to modify the existing layout.

## Site 3 - Oak Flats Train Station car park



Converting part of the Oak Flats Train Station car park would create four bus parking spaces. While the site is located some distance from Lang Park, it would service drivers on the southern routes and alleviate pressure on Wollongong CBD layover facilities. Bus drivers would also be able to access existing facilities at the station.

Following community consultation, next steps will include finalising planning for construction.

We hope to announce the confirmed locations by mid-December 2023 and start detailed planning for these sites in early 2024. Further information about timings will be shared with the community as soon as they are available.



## Have your say

We want to know your thoughts on the proposed sites.

Take our survey by scanning the QR code: or complete the online survey at:



[haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/wollongong-bus-layover](https://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/wollongong-bus-layover)

Alternatively, email your feedback to [southprojects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:southprojects@transport.nsw.gov.au)

Your feedback is important to us and will help inform us on what will improve safety in this area.

**Consultation will be open from Monday 6 November until Sunday 26 November 2023.**

## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the project team:



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