

Transport for NSW

Bulli traffic improvements

Have your say | Updated July 2021



Congestion on the Princes Highway at Bulli

Transport for NSW has been developing options to improve the traffic efficiency and reliability of the Princes Highway at Bulli and Lawrence Hargrave Drive at Thirroul.

Background

The Princes Highway at Bulli and Lawrence Hargrave Drive at Thirroul provide key travel routes between Wollongong, its northern suburbs and Sydney. The town centres at Bulli and Thirroul are experiencing increased road traffic and demand for access to the town centres.

We have developed a number of proposals to improve safety, traffic flow and ease congestion following feedback from businesses, community members, key stakeholders and visitors during community consultation in late 2019.

Bulli

Traffic congestion and queuing is increasing in Bulli. This is often due to parked vehicles along the Princes Highway between Station Street and Park Road, as well as turning vehicles at Memorial Drive, Station Street and Park Road.

To ensure the transport network continues to meet the needs of the growing population, we have designed a proposal to help ease congestion and create more reliable journeys through Bulli while ensuring the look and feel of the township is maintained.

What do these changes mean for you?

The proposal aims to ensure we have a transport network that continues to meet the growing needs of the population while balancing the need for maintaining a sense of community in and around the Bulli township.

Improved active transport and place making

Enhancing the Bulli town centre by increasing the connection and accessibility between existing car parking and shops and by improving pedestrian facilities such as constructing a new shared path along Railway Street to connect the train station to the shops.

New parking in the Bulli Station carpark and on Railway and Station Streets

More parking near the train station to support access to public transport and local businesses and services.

More parking alternatives

We recognise that implementing additional clearway times will impact those who currently park on the Princes Highway to access goods and services from the Bulli Town Centre.

To minimise impacts, we would:

- Increase the capacity of existing public carparks by changing carpark layouts and identifying where additional parking can be added.
- Investigate side street parking options and review current parking restrictions including the provision of additional timed parking spaces.

The proposals would add about 20 extra car parking spaces, with a total of 140 spaces available in the area.

We will continue to work with Wollongong City Council to identify options to offset parking.



Roundabout at Memorial Drive and Princes Highway, Bulli

Reduced traffic congestion and improved safety

By introducing additional clearway times, turning restrictions in and out of Station Street, allowing a dedicated right turn arrow at the Park Road traffic lights and introducing right turn lanes at Grevillea Park Road and Point Street, congestion would reduce and traffic flow would improve.

This would improve safety at key congestion points.

More Trains, More Services

The More Trains, More Services program will simplify and modernise the rail network, creating turn up and go services for many customers. The current stage of the program will deliver improvements for the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line, South Coast Line and T8 Airport & South Line. Customers will be kept up to date as the program progresses.



Proposal for community feedback

1 Extended hours on existing clearways – Princes Highway between Station Street and Park Road in Bulli

The proposed extended clearways will operate from:

- 6:30am to 9:30am on weekdays (northbound direction)
- 3pm to 6pm on weekdays (southbound direction)
- 11am to 1pm on Saturday and public holidays (southbound direction)

The proposed extensions to clearways are in addition to existing clearway arrangements, all existing clearways would remain in place.

The extended clearways at Bulli would coordinate with other clearways on the Princes Highway, improving travel times for public transport, private vehicles and freight.

2 New parking spots and changes to existing car parks – Railway Street and Station Street

We propose:

- Changing the southern end of Railway Street from two way traffic to one way traffic southbound and providing 90 degree angle parking on the eastern side of Railway Street and parallel parking on the western side of Railway Street. A new footpath would provide pedestrian access between the shops and carpark.
- Increasing the capacity of the Bulli Station carpark by removing the central verge area and replacing it with about 10 extra car spaces. Additional work would include changing carpark traffic travel to one way northbound, and installing a concrete island at the car park entry.
- Investigating additional 45 degree angle parking spaces on the northern side of Station Street. Two way traffic will be maintained on Station Street.
- On-street parking be removed on the south side of Park Road.
- Speed limit reduction on Railway Street and Station Street.

The proposal would increase the car parking spaces by about 20, to a total of over 140 spaces on Station Street, Railway Street, Park Road and the Princes Highway. This will offset the parking spaces lost during peak hour clearways.

Existing taxi zone spaces and the two existing disabled spaces at the Station Street carpark would be retained.

3 Prohibiting the right turn in and out of Station Street

Transport users will no longer be able to turn right into and out of Station Street. This would improve safety and reduce congestion at this intersection by stopping vehicles from queuing on the Princes Highway while they wait to turn right into Station Street as well as the associated lane changing.

4 Dedicated right turn arrow at Park Road traffic lights

A new right turn signal would be introduced at the traffic lights on the Princes Highway at Park Road. This would improve safety and reduce congestion at this intersection by providing road users with a dedicated right turn arrow. This would also accommodate the extra vehicles that would use the intersection after the right turn into Station Street is prohibited.

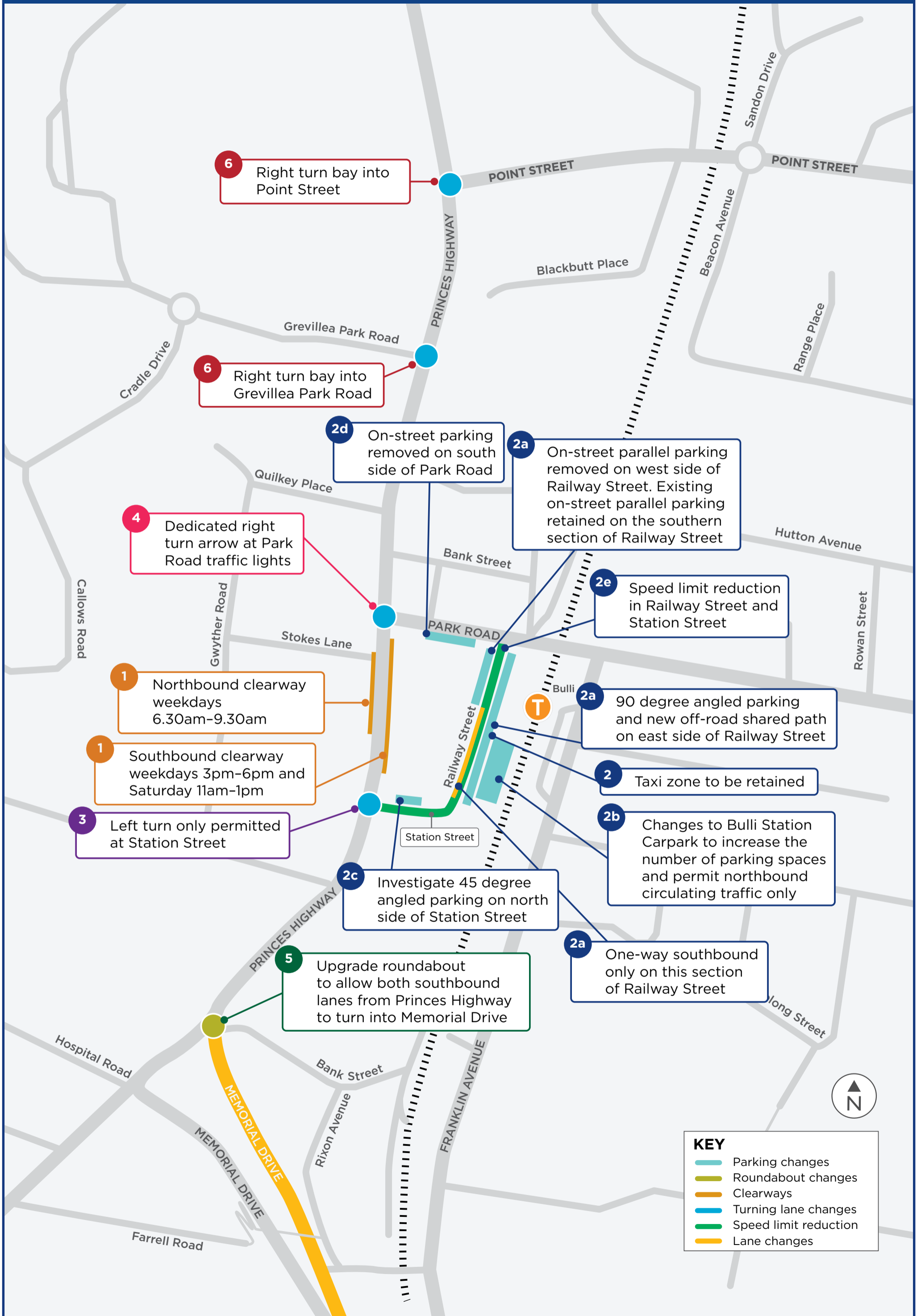
5 Princes Highway / Memorial Drive roundabout upgrade

We would reconfigure the existing roundabout to allow two lanes of traffic from the Princes Highway southbound to turn left into Memorial Drive.

6 Additional right turn lanes at Grevillea Park Road and Point Street

We would reconfigure the signalised intersections on the Princes Highway at Point Street and Grevillea Park Road to provide additional right turn lanes in addition to the two through lanes.

Proposal details



Have your say

We would like your feedback on the proposal.

The consultation process plays an important role in project development and provides an opportunity for you to have your say.

At the end of the consultation period, a Feedback Report will be prepared to respond to issues raised during this process.

Digital engagement room

You can visit our digital engagement room to view the proposals and provide feedback at any time before 5pm Friday 30 July 2021.

Visit the room at nswroads.work/bullithirroulroom or by scanning the QR code below.



Write to us

You can provide written feedback by email or post

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The consultation period has been extended and feedback now closes at 5pm, Friday 30 July 2021.

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