

# New and extended clearways

## Frequently asked questions - April 2018

The NSW Government is funding new and extended clearways as part of its \$121 million Clearways Program, which aims to reduce congestion and delays on Sydney's roads.

### What is the Sydney Clearways Strategy?

The NSW Government announced the Sydney Clearways Strategy in December 2013 as one of its key initiatives to reduce congestion on Sydney's major roads.

The strategy identifies over 1000km of state roads on key corridors across Sydney, which may benefit from the introduction of new and extended weekday and new weekend clearways, to improve the movement of goods and people. These routes were identified, based on an assessment of the following criteria:

- directional traffic flows exceed 800 vehicles per hour per lane<sup>1</sup>
- travel speeds are 30km/h or below during peak periods.

Corridors identified in the strategy are currently under further investigation. Along with detailed parking and traffic analysis, the following two areas are now being considered:

- if the roads are strategic bus or freight transport corridors for moving people and goods
- whether alternate public parking close to local businesses can be found, taking into account the quantity and usage of customer parking removed to extend or introduce a new clearway.

Over 370km of new and extended weekday and weekend clearways have already been installed across Sydney, since December 2013.

For more information please refer to the [Sydney Clearways Strategy](#) and the [Roads and Maritime Clearways web page](#) for the latest information on current projects.

### What are the key benefits of clearways?

Clearways:

- reduce congestion by making an additional lane available to traffic
- improve journey times, allowing drivers to get to their destination sooner and more reliably
- improve safety by removing parked vehicles from the kerbside lane
- have an immediate positive impact on traffic flow as it uses existing road space for the movement of vehicles
- improve the efficiency of intersections along the corridor, as all lanes are used.

### How are new and extended clearway hours determined?

Any new or extended clearways need to consider access to local business and services, how the corridor is used, traffic volumes and travel time to ensure a net benefit for the community. Detailed parking and traffic analysis is carried out to determine these factors.

For consistency across the road network and to make it easier for road users, clearway hours are standard across the network. Wherever possible, we use the following standard hours:

- weekday morning (6am – 10am)
- middle of weekday (10am – 3pm)
- weekday afternoon (3pm–7pm)
- weekend short day (9am – 6pm)
- weekend long day (8am – 8pm)
- 24 hours across seven days (At All Times).

There are usually no changes to existing parking restrictions outside the new and extended clearway hours.

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<sup>1</sup> Kerbside lane is excluded, as cars can be parked even when 'no parking' or 'no stopping' restrictions are in place and illegally parked vehicles are unable to be towed under these restrictions.

## Why is parking being removed from the main road?

The primary purpose of a state road is to efficiently and safely move people and goods across Sydney.

Any parking currently permitted on the state road is not specifically allocated to residents, businesses or properties.

We understand that the new and extended clearway hours will change parking conditions in front of properties, which will cause some inconvenience for residents, visitors and business customers.

However, parked vehicles can impact on the primary purpose of the road and Roads and Maritime can change parking restrictions, across the state road network, to ensure these roads are fulfilling their primary purpose.

The independent traffic studies consider information on the number of vehicles parked and duration of stay, to understand the changes that visitors and business customers would need to make.

## Where will visitors, tradespeople and delivery trucks park to access my property?

During clearway hours, tradespeople, delivery trucks and visitors are encouraged to park within properties wherever possible.

If parking is not available on your property, tradespeople, delivery trucks and visitors will need to park in a local side street and walk to your property. This is similar to all other state roads where clearways and 'No Stopping' restrictions are in place.

Deliveries that require vehicles to stop on the state road may be arranged outside the clearway hours.

## Will getting out of my driveway be more difficult?

Removal of parked cars on the kerbside lane during the clearway hours will improve sight lines for vehicles exiting driveways and vehicles travelling along the kerbside lane. This will reduce the risk of crashes.

Vehicles will be able to use all traffic lanes which should improve the efficiency through existing intersections, allowing more vehicles to cross during each traffic signal cycle. This often results in "platooning" where groups of vehicles travel closer together in bunches or platoons at similar speeds with larger gaps between each platoon.

Larger gaps between platoons of vehicles allow more time to safely exit driveways or side streets, when compared with a steady stream of individual vehicles as observed when intersections and roads are not operating efficiently.

## Do clearways impact property value?

We understand that the new and extended clearway hours will change parking conditions in front of residential properties, which may cause some inconvenience for residents and visitors. However, the primary purpose of a state road is to move people and goods efficiently across Sydney.

Any parking currently permitted on the state road is not specifically allocated to residents or properties. Parking impacts on the primary function of the road and Roads and Maritime change parking restrictions across the state road network to ensure they are meeting their primary purpose.

The introduction of new and extended clearways does not change the land use, land size or development capacity of your property.

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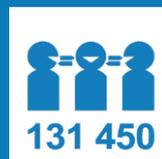
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