

Clearways proposal

Roberts Road and King Georges Road from the Hume Highway, Greenacre to the M5 Motorway, Beverly Hills

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Community Consultation Report

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Executive summary

In March 2014, Roads and Maritime Services proposed to introduce new and extended clearways on Roberts Road and King Georges Road from the Hume Highway, Greenacre to the M5 Motorway, Beverly Hills. We distributed a Have Your Say letter in the local area, carried out a doorknock of local businesses and held two community information sessions.

This proposal looked specifically at extending the weekday peak clearways to operate from 6am to 7pm, and introducing new clearways on weekends to operate from 8am to 7pm.

We received comments from 36 people, with most people generally in support of the proposal. There were 24 people who fully supported the proposal, seven who supported it conditionally, two who opposed the proposal and three who were neutral about it. There were also a number of requests for information and comments on matters that were considered to be outside the scope of the proposal. A key matter raised included alternative business parking arrangements.

This proposal is part of the Sydney Clearways Strategy which aims to reduce congestion on Sydney's roads. The Strategy outlines how to get more from Sydney's roads now, by introducing new or extended clearways on roads that don't perform to expectations.

Clearways form part of a number of measures aimed at improving traffic flows on arterial roads, including no stopping, bus lanes and transit lanes. Clearways are directly aimed at alleviating congestion where a road is carrying traffic close to its capacity. They support important measures such as tidal flow arrangements on key roads at low cost, without the potential need for road widening to introduce additional traffic lanes.

The current clearways network in Sydney provides considerable benefits for major roads across the morning and evening peak periods. Benefits include:

- Supporting the efficient movement of people and goods on Sydney roads
- Facilitating more reliable journey times for motorists on major roads
- Managing growth in traffic flow and emission reduction through smoother traffic flow
- Increasing peak period road capacity without expensive investment in widening roads
- Balancing the use of kerbside space outside of clearway times for parking.

The decision

Roads and Maritime thanks everyone who considered this proposal and provided feedback.

We have refined the proposal and will consult with the community on these revisions, which include:

 Adding loading zones and timed parking restrictions on Lakemba Street and The Boulevarde, Wiley Park

- Altering the original proposed clearway hours of operation from 8am to 7pm on weekends, to 9am to 6pm on weekends
- Providing a commuter car park on The Boulevards near Wiley Park Station.

Roads and Maritime are continuing to with the City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council to develop alternative business parking options and we will consult with the community on the proposed alternative parking options and clearway hours in late 2016.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

On 1 December 2013, the NSW Government announced the Sydney Clearways Strategy as one of its key initiatives to reduce congestion on Sydney's roads. This Strategy outlines how to get more from Sydney's roads now – by introducing new or extended clearways on roads that don't perform to expectations.

The NSW Government's Long Term Transport Master Plan outlines a number of responses to traffic congestion in Sydney, aimed at improving travel on Sydney's roads in both the short and the long term. One of the primary means to achieve this is the use of clearways.

The current clearways network has been in place for several decades, and has proven to be effective. Traffic growth in Sydney has reached a point where there is a need to consider further improvements in the use of the existing road network to reduce travel times. A particular need has been identified to extend clearways for weekend travel, where traffic growth has led to congestion levels similar to that of weekday periods.

It also sets out a process for engaging with local communities and councils and for ensuring alternative business parking is available, to minimise impacts on local businesses.

The NSW Government has committed \$121 million to the clearways strategy which includes assisting local councils with alternative business parking solutions. So far, we have delivered over 120km of new and extended weekend and weekday clearways across the Sydney road network under the clearways strategy.

1.2. The proposal

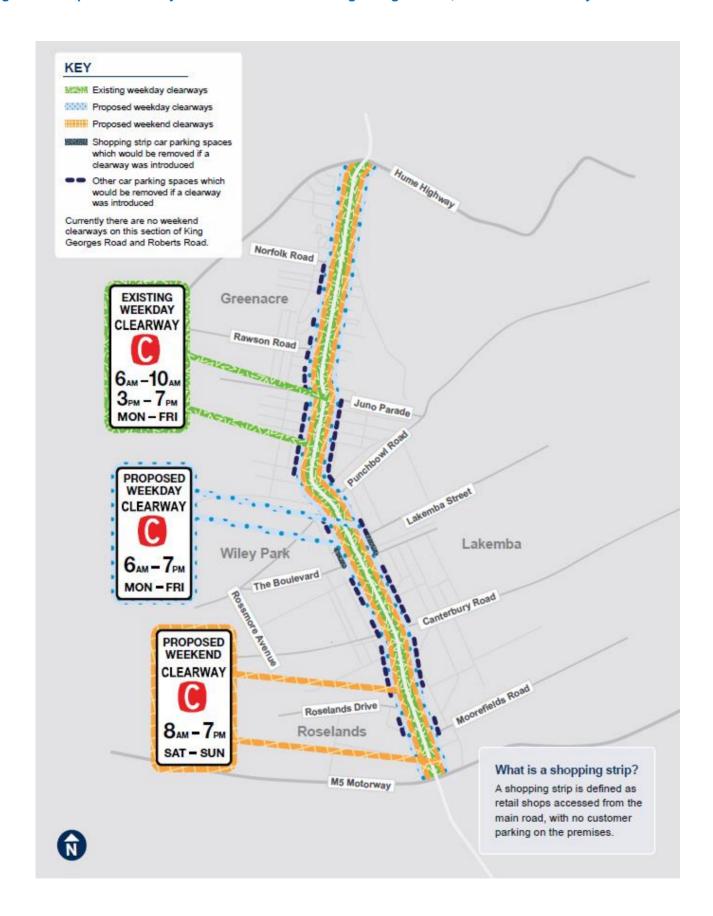
King Georges Road is an important urban arterial road which is part of route A3. The A3 connects the southern areas of Kogarah, Hurstville, Bankstown, Strathfield and Ryde with the Northern Beaches. It also provides access to major east/west roads such as the M5 Motorway, Canterbury Road, the Hume Highway, the M4 Western Motorway, the M2 Motorway and the Pacific Highway. It is also identified as an important bus route in Sydney's Bus Future.

King Georges Road is mainly a six lane divided road. An existing clearway operates on both sides of the road during the morning and afternoon peak periods, Monday to Friday from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm.

This proposal looked specifically at extending the existing clearways on Roberts Road and King Georges Road from the Hume Highway, Greenacre to the M5 Motorway, Beverly Hills. The proposed hours in both directions were:

- Weekdays from 6am to 7pm
- Weekends from 8am to 7pm.

Figure 1 - Proposed clearways on Roberts Road and King Georges Road, Greenacre to Beverly Hills



2. Consultation approach

2.1. Consultation objectives

Roads and Maritime consult to understand the concerns and needs of the community, so that this feedback can be considered in deciding a final clearway solution.

Consultation allows Roads and Maritime to:

- Build rapport with local businesses operators and residents and incorporate their knowledge and expectations to inform the proposal
- Seek community feedback on Roads and Maritime's proposal
- Advise directly affected stakeholders of the proposal
- Advise the community about how they could obtain further information and communicate feedback.

2.2. How consultation was done

Consultation on the proposal was carried out from February to March 2014. The community and stakeholders were encouraged to provide their comments via mail, email, and phone or through an interactive map.

We contacted people using a range of tools outlined in the table below:

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Stakeholder meetings/ Communication	 Meetings with Canterbury Council (23 January 2014 & 16 April 2014) 		
	 Meetings with Bankstown Council (29 January 2014 & 16 April 2014) 		
	 Meeting with Strathfield Council ((29 January 2014) 		
	 Meeting with former Member for Lakemba, The Hon Rob Furolo MP (6 March 2014) 		
	 Meetings with City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council (6 May 2016, 7 July 2016, 6 September 2016, 6 October 2016 & 27 October 2016). 		
Door knock	15 businesses near existing parking on King Georges Road to discuss the proposal on 21 February 2014.		
Community update newsletter (Appendix A)	Delivered to residents in Greenacre and Wiley Park in February 2014.		
	 Delivered to Canterbury, Strathfield and Bankstown Councils in February 2014. 		
	Direct mail to emergency services, schools and universities, large businesses, religious centres and community groups in		

	the local area.	
Community information sessions	Community information sessions held at Punchbowl Community Centre, Punchbowl on Saturday 15 March 2014 from 9am to 11am and Tuesday 18 March 2014 6pm to 8pm	
Webpage	Project webpage updated with latest project information including the community update.	

3. Consultation summary

3.1. Overview

Feedback Summary and Roads and Maritime Response

Category	Number of comments	Matter raised	Roads and Maritime's response
Support proposal	24 comments	Supportive of the clearway proposal.	Thank you for your comments on our proposal, we acknowledge your support.
		Supports introduction of a 24 hour clearway.	The proposal needs to ensure a balance between local parking needs and traffic flow for all users.
		Clearway should operate 6am to 8pm, 7 days a week.	Roads and Maritime analysed traffic flow data to identify the times when Roberts Road and King Georges Road were near capacity. Using this data, Roads and Maritime selected clearway times that best suit the traffic flow.
			We will consult with the community if the proposed hours are changed.
Does not support clearway	2 comments	Concerned about business parking.	Any clearways proposal must ensure a balance between local business parking needs and traffic flow for road users. In order to balance these needs, where business parking is removed to introduce a clearway, existing business parking demands can be managed by ensuring alternative business parking is available nearby.
			An independent parking study carried out in October 2013 found the demand for business parking on King Georges Road could be accommodated in side streets with some changes to current parking restrictions.

	Roads and Maritime is working with City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council to develop appropriate solutions for alternative parking to minimise impact on businesses in Wiley Park. Once options are identified and developed, we will consult with the community on alternative parking options which may include additional timed parking on side streets. Roads and Maritime is also working with City of Canterbury- Bankstown Council to locate loading zones in close proximity to businesses so deliveries can still be made.
All day clearway will impact on redevelopment of respondent's residential lot.	This is considered to be outside the scope of this proposal. Any new development will need to consider the clearway restrictions in place. This is similar to all other State roads where clearways and No Stopping restrictions are in place.
Will be more difficult for goods to be delivered to businesses. Suggest loading zone between 12pm and 2pm.	Local businesses are encouraged to use nearby loading zones for deliveries and pick-ups where they cannot be accommodated within private driveways or access via local roads. This is similar to all other State roads where clearways and No Stopping restrictions are in place.
	Roads and Maritime is working with City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council to locate loading zones in close proximity to businesses so deliveries can still be made.

Conditional support of clearway	7 comments	Suggest installation of commuter parking at Wiley Park Station.	The NSW Government has established a \$121 million fund to assist local councils to provide alternative business parking. This funding will be allocated to local councils across all areas impacted by changed clearways. Roads and Maritime Services will assess the alternative business parking arrangements and allocation of funds, in collaboration with local councils, using the Sydney Clearways Strategy. Roads and Maritime is working with City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council to develop appropriate solutions for alternative business parking to minimise impact on businesses in Wiley Park which may include additional timed parking on side streets.
		Clearway should not operate between 12pm and 2pm weekdays.	The proposal needs to ensure a balance between local parking needs and traffic flow for all users.
		Agree with a weekend clearway from 12pm to 7pm.	Roads and Maritime analysed traffic flow data to identify the times when Roberts Road and King Georges Road were near capacity. Using this data, Roads and Maritime selected clearway times that
		Suggested that clearways should be in place from 9am-9pm weekdays,	best suit the traffic flow.
		9am-5pm Saturdays and 10am-4pm Sundays.	We will consult with the community if the proposed hours are changed.
Outside of scope	11 comments	Parking on footpath should be made legal.	This is considered to be outside the scope of this proposal. Roads and Maritime does not support the legalisation of parking on footpaths, as it poses a danger for pedestrians and for road users exiting driveways and side streets.
		The phasing of the traffic signals along King Georges Road and Roberts Road should be reviewed as the signals cause the congestion.	The traffic lights on Roberts Road and King Georges Road are linked to Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS). SCATS is a traffic management system that synchronises nearby traffic signals to optimise traffic flow across the road network. Should the clearway be installed, Roads and Maritime will review the phase timings for these signals.

King Georges Road should be widened to three lanes in each direction as was planned for 30 years ago.	This is considered to be outside the scope of this proposal. In February 2015, the NSW Government committed \$300 million to address critical pinch points along the A1, A3 and A6 routes south of the M5 Motorway including King Georges Road.
Safety cameras should be installed on King Georges Road to improve road safety.	More information on the Gateway to the South Program can be found at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/g2s This is considered to be outside the scope of this proposal. Red light speed cameras operate at the intersections of King Georges Road and Canterbury Road, Lakemba; King Georges Road and Moorefield Road, Roselands and The Boulevarde and King Georges Road, Wiley Park. The public can nominate other locations for red light/speed cameras
Request for advice on what measures will be taken to reduce noise if a clearway were to be introduced.	by visiting the Safer Roads NSW website. Vehicle noise and emissions are higher when accelerating from a standing start. The proposal is expected to increase traffic flow and reduce congestion which will reduce the number of stop/start movements. Roads and Maritime expects the clearway proposal will reduce noise and emissions along King Georges Road/Roberts Road.
Introduce a 24/7 clearway on King Georges Road between Stoney Creek Road and Beverly Hills Station.	King Georges Road between the M5 Motorway, Beverly Hills and the Princes Highway, Blakehurst is identified in the <i>Sydney Clearways Strategy</i> for further investigation of new and extended clearways.
Request for additional clearways on A1 through Brighton Le Sands, Sandringham Street, Sans Souci & Taren Point Road, Taren Point.	The A1, Sandringham Street and Taren Point Road are all identified in the <i>Sydney Clearways Strategy</i> for further investigation of new and extended clearways.
Pedestrian safety is an issue for those crossing King Georges Road at Wiley Park.	The NSW Government has funded this work at the intersection of Lakemba Street and King Georges Road as part of its Safer Roads Program, to improve safety for road users and pedestrians.
	The work included installing right turn red arrows and left turn red

		arrows on existing traffic signal posts to prevent motorists turning from Lakemba Street onto King Georges Road while pedestrians cross King Georges Road. For more information on this safety project, please visit the website of our delivery partner, Lend Lease Tyco Joint Venture, at: https://www.ltjv.com.au/Scripts/tinymce/plugins/moxiemanager/data/files/2207%20King%20Georges%20Road%20and%20Lakemba%20Street%20Wiley%20Park%20TCS%20Start%20of%20works%20letter_FINAL.pdf
R C ca	Parked vehicles on King Georges Road cause congestion. Cars forced to merge around parked ard pose a safety risk to road sers.	Parked cars cause other road users to change lanes, impeding the flow of traffic and posing safety risks. Vehicles stopping to access parking spaces also delay vehicles travelling in this lane. The removal of parking during the proposed clearway times would increase safety and improve traffic flow along Roberts Road and King Georges Road.
si N Le u	nvestigate the traffic flow and traffic ignal arrangements between lorwest Boulevard (M7 exit) and exington Drive, Norwest. It can take p to 20 minutes to drive this very hort length of road in peak hours.	The traffic lights between Norwest Boulevard and Lexington Drive, Norwest are linked to Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS). SCATS is a traffic management system that synchronises nearby traffic signals to optimise traffic flow across the road network. Investigation into congestion on Norwest Boulevard is currently being undertaken by Roads and Maritime, to develop long-term plans to relieve congestion.
w	Request for phone number to call when someone is parked in a learway.	A review of the traffic light phasing at the intersection of Old Windsor Road and Norwest Boulevard has been carried out to ensure optimal operation of the network. To report a vehicle parked in a clearway or if your vehicle has been towed from a clearway, please call the Transport Management Centre on 131 700.

3.2. Recommendations

Roads and Maritime has considered the feedback received. We are working with City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council to develop alternative business parking options before deciding whether to proceed with the proposed clearways.

The alternative parking options may include additional timed parking and loading zones on side streets.

3.3. Next steps

Roads and Maritime Services will:

- · Advise the community and stakeholders of the outcome of the consultation
- Consult with the community on alternative parking options and on the revised clearway hours.

We will continue to keep the community informed as the proposal progresses.

4. Appendix

Appendix A - Community Update

4.1. Appendix A – February 2014 community update



Sydney Clearways Strategy - Keeping Sydney Moving

King Georges Road and Roberts Road - Beverly Hills to Greenacre

The NSW Government is acting to reduce congestion and delays on Sydney's roads. We know installing and extending clearways on weekdays and weekends can help reduce congestion in many areas of Sydney by allowing motorists to use all traffic lanes.

The Sydney Clearways Strategy identifies King Georges Road and Roberts Road, from the M5 Motorway, Beverly Hills to Hume Highway, Greenacre as a priority project for the introduction of a clearway to manage congestion. Before changes are made, we want your feedback on this proposal.

Roads and Maritime Services understands and appreciates the importance of finding a balance between the reduction of congestion and the needs of road users, local business operators and people accessing services. To balance the needs of road users and local businesses, we've created a \$21 million fund to help identify alternative parking. We would like your comments by Friday 28 March on how clearways can be better used to reduce congestion on King Georges Road and Roberts Road while minimising impacts on businesses and the community.

Background

King Georges Road is an important urban arterial road which is part of route A3. The A3 connects the southern council areas of Kogarah, Hurstville, Bankstown, Strathfield and Ryde with the northern beaches. It provides access to major east/west roads such as the M5 Motorway, A34 Canterbury Road, A22 Hume Highway, M4 Western Motorway, M2 Motorway and the A1 Pacific Highway. It is also identified

as an important bus route in Sydney's Bus Future*.

King Georges Road is mainly a six lane divided road. An existing clearway operates on both sides of the road during the morning and afternoon peak periods, Monday to Friday from 8am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm.

Preliminary investigations

Roads and Maritime is considering introducing new clearways on sections of road where:

- Travel speeds are less than 30km/h during peak times
- Directional traffic flow exceeds 800 vehicles per lane per hour during peak times
- The road is an important public transport and/or freight route for moving people and goods
- Alternative public parking close to local businesses can be found.

Early investigations show this section of King Georges Road and Roberts Road fulfils these criteria.

"Sydney's Bus Future is a NSW Government long term plan. For more information visit transport new.new.gov.au and search 'Sydney's Bus Future'

What is a clearway?



You must not stop or park on a length of road where a clearway sign applies. The drivers of public buses and taxis are permitted to stop when dropping off or picking up passengers. If your vehicle

is left on a clearway it will be towed away, usually to a nearby street and fines apply.

It is estimated this proposal would affect 14 shopping strip parking spaces which are used regularly. The other affected parking spaces (about 635) along the route are rarely used as off street parking and unrestricted parking is available along side streets. Further investigations including analysis of community feedback and additional parking studies will be carried out to assess the best clearway proposal and alternative parking arrangements.

What hours of operation are proposed?

Based on initial investigations, Roads and Maritime is considering operating a clearway along King Georges Road and Roberts Road in both directions on:

- · Weekdays from 6am to 7pm
- · Weekends from 8am to 7pm.

We welcome your comments on these proposed hours.

Investigations and community consultation

Investigations to identify and reduce impacts on the local community including:

- Working collaboratively with local councils, including consideration of its planning strategies
- Carrying out parking surveys to determine specific locations where parking is an issue
- · Finding alternative parking facilities nearby
- Looking at ways to encourage sustainable and active transport
- · Considering pedestrian safety and amenity
- · Consulting with the community.

See the Sydney Clearways Strategy transport.nsw.gov.au/sydneyclearwaysstrategy for information on extending weekday clearways and introducing weekend clearways.









Have your say

Roads and Maritime welcomes your comments by Friday 28 March on how clearways can be better used to reduce congestion along King Georges Road and Roberts Road while minimising impacts on businesses and the community. Your suggestions will help us to determine the best way forward.

You can provide comments on the King Georges Road and Roberts Road proposal or find out more by:

- Visiting rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways An interactive map is available to provide feedback at specific locations along the route
- Calling 1300 706 232
- · Emailing clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au
- · Writing to Clearways, Roads and Maritime Services, PO Box 973 Parramatta CBD NSW 2124
- Nominate another clearway at transport.nsw.gov. au/sydneyclearwaysstrategy
- · Coming along to one of our drop in community information sessions to discuss the project with the project team.

Community information sessions



Saturday 15 March 9am to 11am

Tuesday 18 March 6pm to 8pm

Punchbowl Community Centre

44 Rossmore Avenue Punchbowl NSW 2196

Next steps

Investigations will continue into the feasibility of a clearway. A community issues report will be prepared summarising all of the comments we receive. This report will be made available on the Roads and Maritime website

Timeframes for the project will depend on the investigations to be carried out. We will keep the community informed as the project progresses.





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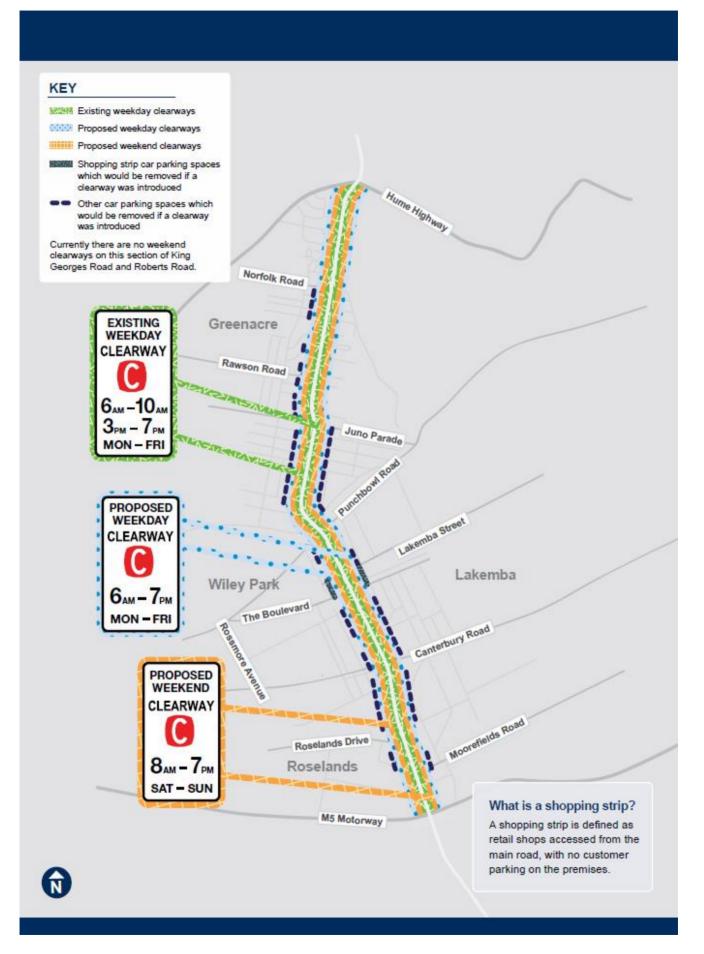








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