



Mona Vale Road

From the Pacific Highway, Pymble to Kitchener Street, St Ives

Revised Clearways proposal

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Executive summary

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to implement clearways on Mona Vale Road from the Pacific Highway, Pymble to Kitchener Street, St Ives.

Early investigation work showed this section of Mona Vale Road fulfilled the criteria for a clearway:

- Directional traffic flows exceed 800 vehicles per hour per lane
- Travel speeds are 30km/h or below during peak periods
- The road is a strategic bus or freight transport corridor for moving people and goods
- Alternative public parking close to local businesses can be found, taking into account the quantity and use of business parking removed to extend or introduce a clearway.

The proposal is part of the Sydney Clearways Strategy which aims to reduce congestion on our 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.

Roads and Maritime released the first clearway proposal for Mona Vale Road from the Pacific Highway, Pymble to Kitchener Street, St Ives in March 2014. Although there was general support from the community for the introduction of clearways on Mona Vale Road, a revised proposal was developed to address concerns raised by business owners at St Ives.

We invited community and stakeholder feedback on a revised proposal in April 2015. This included operating a clearway in both directions on Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway and Kitchener Street on:

- Weekdays from 6am to 10am and from 3pm to 7pm
- Weekends from 9am to 6pm with the exception of:
- Weekends southbound between Stanley Street and Porters Lane which would operate from 2pm to 6pm only.

We distributed 3500 letters in the local area inviting feedback, carried out a doorknock of businesses and held a community information session.

We received comments from 68 people with most people generally in support of the revised proposal. We will provide responses to all feedback both through this report and directly to the people and organisations that made comments.

Roads and Maritime would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who provided comments on this revised proposal and to the community and stakeholders for considering the project.

Following further investigations undertaken in 2016 and considering the feedback received, Roads and Maritime has decided to implement clearways on Mona Vale Road in both directions between the Pacific Highway and Kitchener Street on:

- Weekdays from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm
- Weekends from 9am to 6pm with the exception of the section of Mona Vale Road between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road which will operate from 2pm to 6pm only.

We will keep the community and stakeholders updated on installation timeframes. We expect to install the clearway this year.

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Introduction

Background

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.

On 1 December 2013, the NSW Government announced the *Sydney Clearways Strategy* (the 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 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 105km of new and extended weekend and weekday clearways across the Sydney road network under the clearways strategy.

Investigation for a new clearway

The Strategy identified Mona Vale Road from the Pacific Highway, Pymble to Kitchener Street, St Ives as a priority route for the introduction of additional clearway measures.

Preliminary investigation work showed this section of Mona Vale Road fulfilled the criteria for further investigation of a clearway. The criteria are:

- Directional traffic flows exceed 800 vehicles per hour per lane
- Travel speeds are 30km/h or below during peak periods
- The road is a strategic bus or freight transport corridor for moving people and goods
- Alternative public parking close to local businesses can be found, taking into account the quantity and usage of business parking removed to extend or introduce a clearway.

The original proposal

In March 2014, Roads and Maritime consulted with the community on the first clearway proposal for Mona Vale Road from the Pacific Highway, Pymble to Kitchener Street, St Ives. Although there was general support from the community for the introduction of clearways on Mona Vale Road, there were concerns raised by some business owners in St Ives about parking.

Traffic and parking analysis identified that the side streets and existing car parks, as they were, could accommodate the parking to be removed from Mona Vale Road. We also identified some potential changes including adding timed parking restrictions which would better cater for the

parking removed from Mona Vale Road. A revised proposal was developed to address the concerns.

The revised proposal

In April 2015, Roads and Maritime carried out a second round of community consultation with a revised clearway proposal for Mona Vale Road. It included improved business parking arrangements and reduced weekend clearway hours to support morning and lunch time trade on weekends at the businesses between Stanley Street and Porters Lane.

The proposed clearway hours on Mona Vale Road in both directions between the Pacific Highway and Kitchener Street were:

- Weekdays from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm
- Weekends from 9am to 6pm with the exception of the section of Mona Vale Road between Stanley Street and Porters Lane which would operate from 2pm to 6pm only.

Parking arrangements proposed as part of the revised proposal

Changes to business parking arrangements for the St Ives retail area were developed, in consultation with Ku-ring-gai Council, to provide additional parking for businesses near to Mona Vale Road. This included:

- Providing an additional 15 parking spaces at the council car park opposite Stanley Street to accommodate a total of 44 cars (subject to council agreement)
- Installing signage to help customers identify off street parking
- Implementing daily two hour parking restrictions on Porters Lane from 9am to 6pm (subject to council agreement)
- Implementing two hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road southbound between Rosedale Road and Porters Lane from 10am to 3pm on weekdays and from 9am to 2pm on weekends
- Retaining one hour parking on Mona Vale Road between Denley Lane and Memorial Avenue northbound from 10am to 3pm on weekdays
- Retaining one hour parking on Mona Vale Road between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road southbound from 10am to 3pm on weekdays and from 9am to 2pm on weekends.

We have provided a map to help explain the revised hours of operation and changes to parking restrictions.

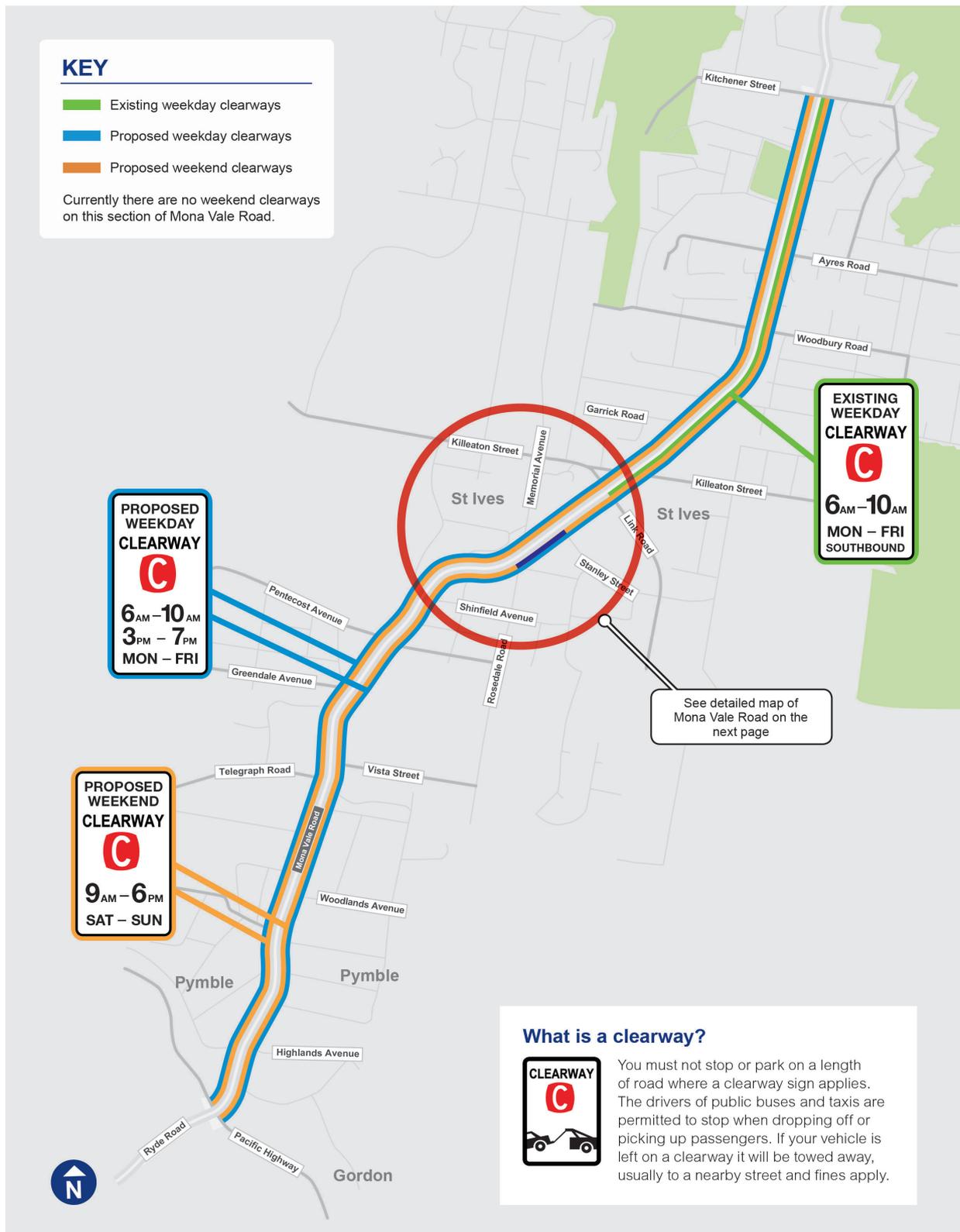


Figure 1 – Revised clearway proposed for Mona Vale Road, Pymble to St Ives- April 2015

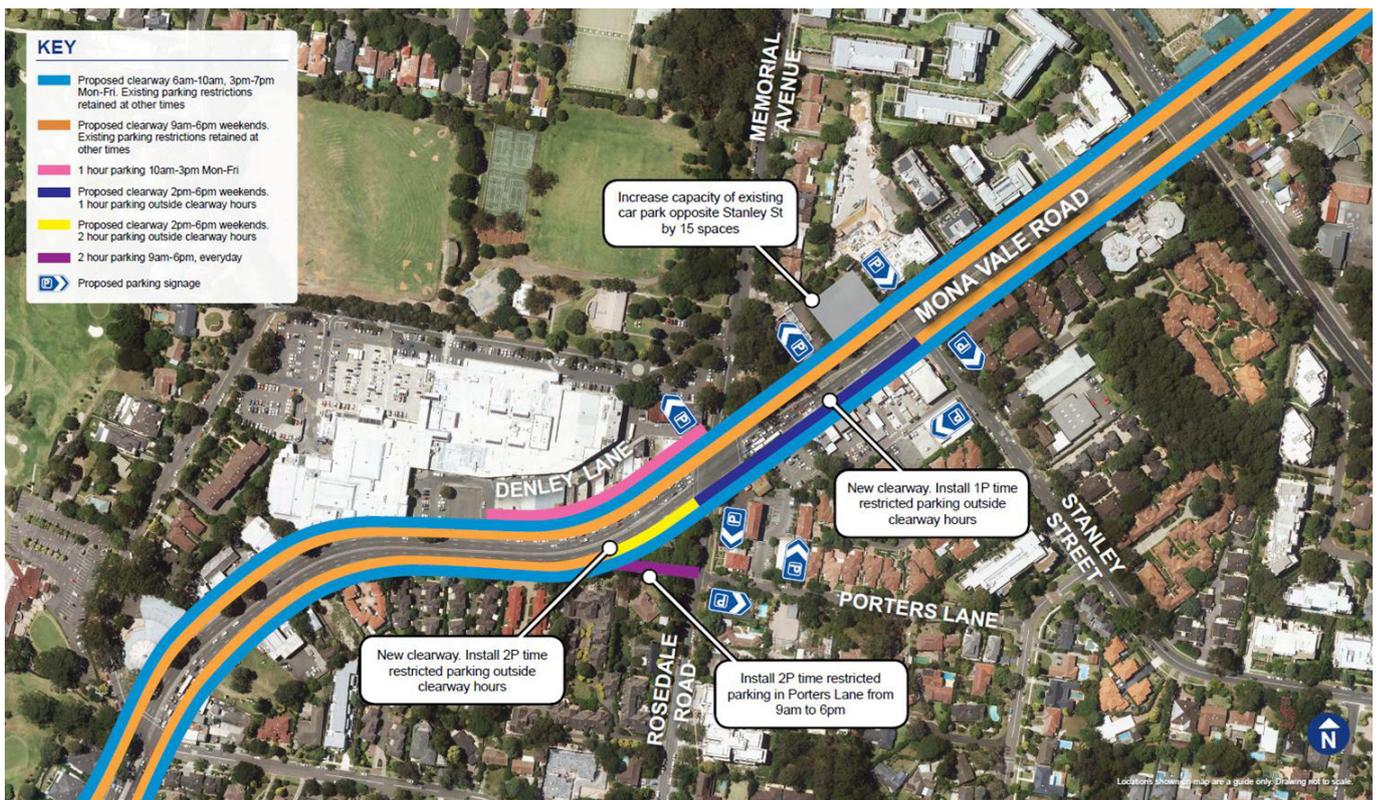


Figure 2 – Revised Clearway and alternative parking proposal for St Ives retail area – April 2015

There was general support from the community for the introduction of clearways on Monavale Road with the alternative parking arrangements as outlined in the revised proposal. However, as a result of feedback from local businesses, Roads and Maritime agreed to undertake additional investigations including traffic modelling and data collection of customer movements at the shops between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road (southbound).

Additional Investigations

As a result of feedback from the second round of consultation, we undertook additional investigations in early 2016 and found that:

- Over 75 per cent of customers entering the businesses between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road already used off-street parking
- Customers impacted by the loss of 11 business parking spaces could be directed to existing car parks and side streets
- Bus dwell times have been surveyed and are not expected to significantly impact the efficiency of the clearway operation.
- Traffic modelling also confirmed that the proposed clearway would improve travel times for motorists during the clearway hours of operation, particularly through the St Ives shops.

Changes to revised proposal and our decision

After considering the potential benefits of the proposed clearway, the parking needs of local businesses and feedback from the community, we have decided to install new clearways on Mona Vale Road, in both directions, between the Pacific Highway in Pymble and Kitchener Street in St Ives.

The new clearways will be in place:

- Weekdays from 6am to 10am and from 3pm to 7pm
- Weekends from 9am to 6pm (with the following exception).

To support the morning and lunchtime weekend trade of local businesses, the clearway will only be in operation on weekends from 2pm to 6pm, southbound, between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road.

We are continuing to work with Ku-ring-gai Council to seek agreement to the improved business parking arrangements which could include:

- Providing an additional 15 parking spaces at the council car park opposite Stanley Street to accommodate a total of 44 cars (subject to Council agreement)
- Installing signage to help customers find off-street parking
- Implementing daily two hour parking restrictions on Porters Lane from 9am to 6pm (subject to Council agreement)
- Implementing one hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road southbound between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road from 10am to 3pm on weekdays and from 9am to 2pm on weekends
- Implementing two hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road southbound between Rosedale Road and Porters Lane from 10am to 3pm on weekdays
- Retaining one hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road northbound between Denley Lane and Memorial Avenue from 10am to 3pm on weekdays
- Converting 12 spaces in the Old School car park to half hour parking restrictions (subject to Council agreement)
- Converting 2 spaces on Stanley Street to half hour parking restrictions (subject to Council agreement).

The benefits of the project include:

- Improvements to traffic flow and reduced travel times
- Reduced congestion and delays
- Improved reliability of public transport.

The clearways on Mona Vale Road will complement new clearways installed on Church Street, Devlin Street and Lane Cove Road, Ryde Road, Concord Road, Homebush Bay Drive and Centenary Drive.

We intend to implement this clearway proposal by the end of the year.

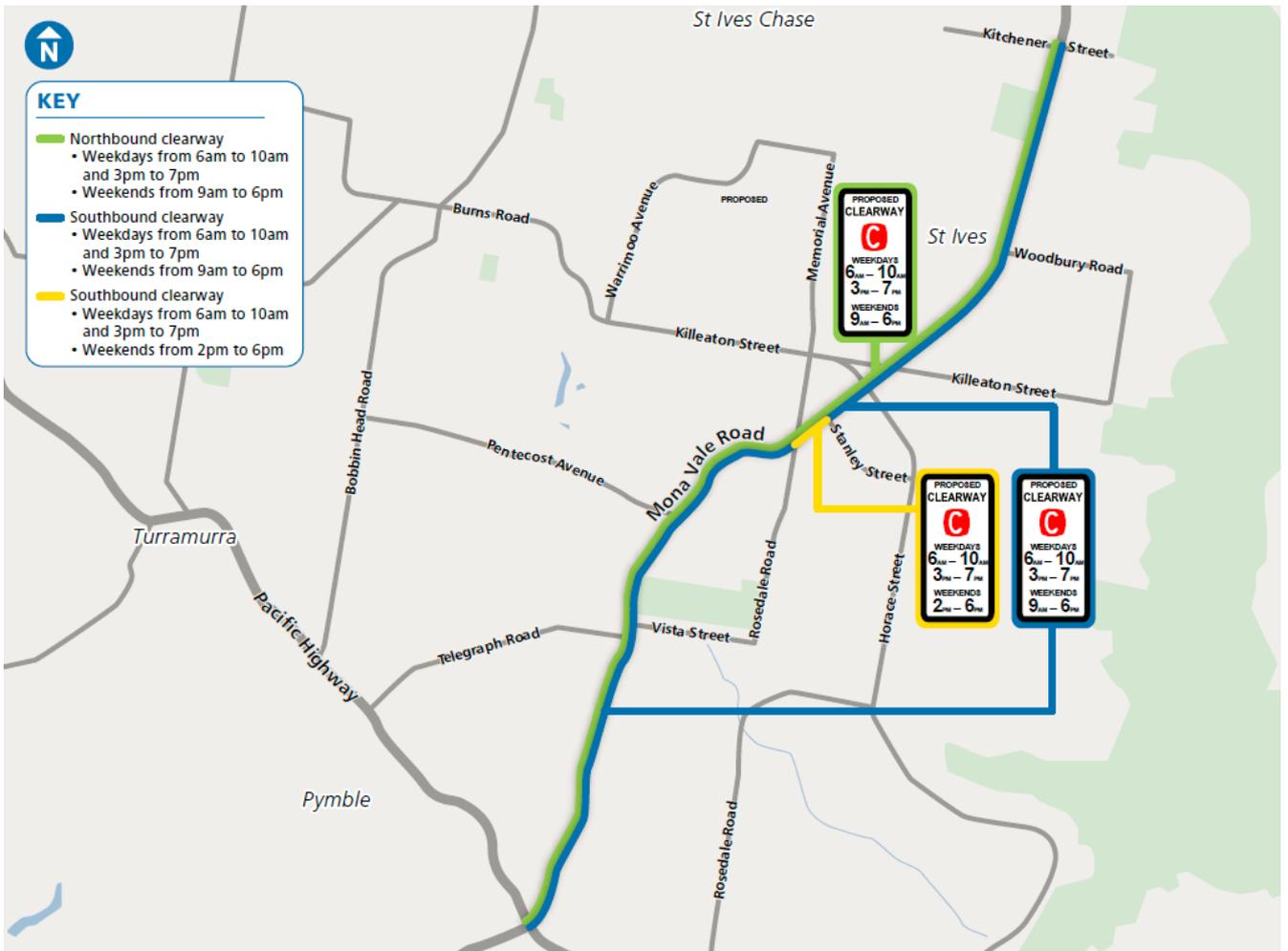


Figure 3 – New clearways on Mona Vale Road, Pymble to St Ives

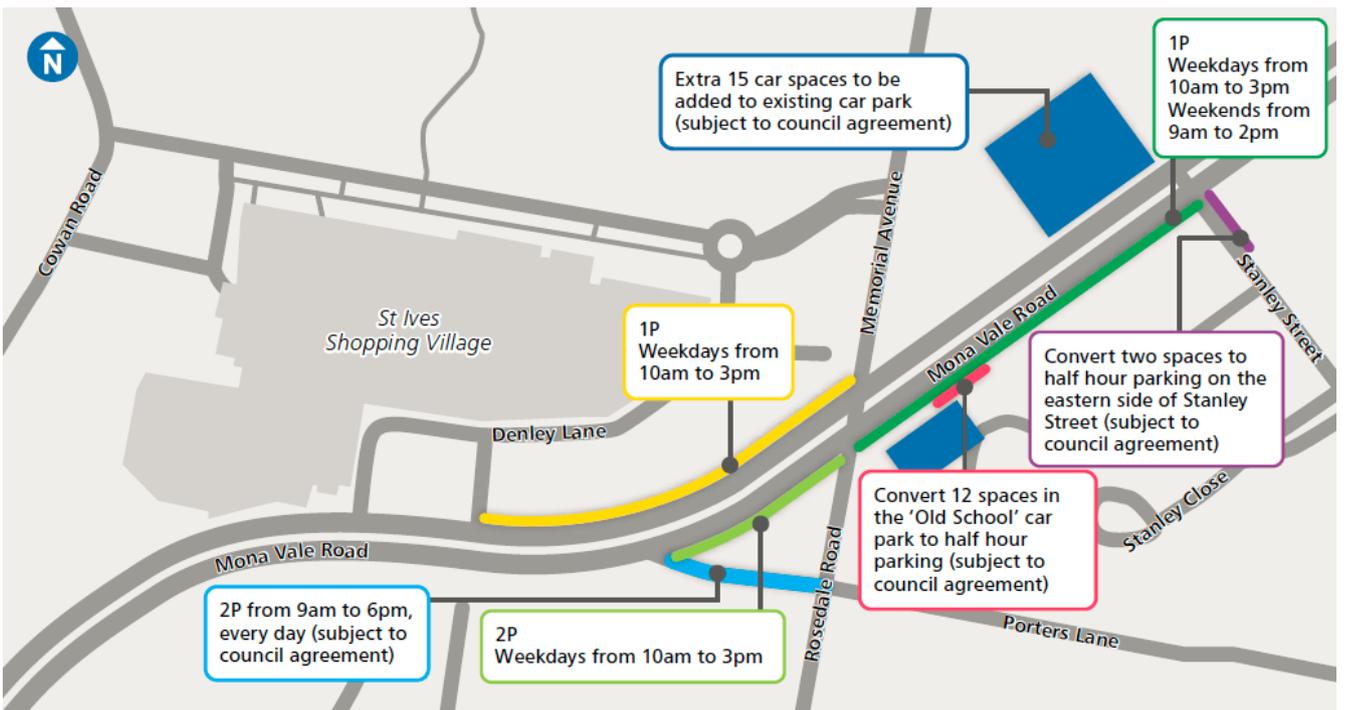


Figure 4 – Proposed alternative parking arrangements

Next steps

Roads and Maritime will:

- continue to work with the Ku-ring-gai Council to seek agreement on the improved parking arrangements for St Ives businesses
- Keep the community and affected stakeholders updated and advise of the clearway implementation date, which is intend to occur by the end of the year.
- Implement the proposed clearway and support local business, by providing information to customers on the alternative parking locations.

Consultation approach

Consultation objectives

Roads and Maritime sought feedback from the community and considers the comments received when forming a decision on the clearways that balances the needs of motorists using the road network, with those of the local community.

Consultation allows Roads and Maritime to:

- Seek community feedback on Roads and Maritime proposal
- Advise directly affected stakeholders of the proposal and potential impacts
- Gain local knowledge through liaising with local business operators and residents
- Reassure local business operators and owners on the need for a clearway and the availability of alternative parking
- Advise the community about how to obtain further information or communicate concerns, complaints or suggestions.

How consultation was done

Consultation on the revised proposal was carried out from Friday 24 April to Tuesday 5 May 2015. The community and stakeholders were encouraged to provide their comments via mail, email, phone or through an interactive map.

We contacted people using a range of tools including:

Stakeholder meetings	<p>Meetings held with Ku-ring-gai Council (28 January 2014, 14 April 2014, 9 September 2014 and 25 February 2015)</p> <p>Meeting held with Ku-ring-gai Council Traffic Committee (19 February 2015)</p> <p>Meetings held with the Member for Davidson Jonathon O’Dea (2 April 2015, 27 May 2015, 6 and 28 August 2015, 19 November 2015 and 12 August 2016)</p> <p>On-site meeting with business owners/operators, local Councillors and Member for Davidson at St Ives - 28 August 2015</p>
Door knock of businesses – St Ives shopping strip	Roads and Maritime door knocked the affected shop owners on Mona Vale Road on 24 April 2015 to explain the revised proposal and invited comments
Community letter (Appendix A)	<p>Delivered to 3500 residents in St Ives (see map Appendix B)</p> <p>Delivered to Ku-ring-gai Council</p> <p>Emailed emergency services, government agencies, schools, large businesses, aged care centres, religious centres and community groups in the local area</p>
Newspaper advertisement (Appendix C)	Advertised the revised proposal and community information session in the North Shore Times
Community information session	Wednesday 29 April 2015 between 6pm and 8pm at St Ives Community Meeting Room.
Website	Details about the revised proposal were included on the NSW Government’s community consultation website and clearways project webpage.

Consultation summary

Overview

Roads and Maritime received comments from 68 people and organisations with most generally in support of the revised proposal. There were 26 people who supported the revised proposal, 13 who supported it conditionally, 21 who opposed it and eight who were neutral and either provided or made requests for information that was outside the scope of the revised proposal.

Roads and Maritime accepted comments after the closing date until the 18 May 2015. During this time comments from a further 10 people were received and have been included in this report.

A petition of 431 signatures was received requesting for “No clearway between Stanley Street and Rosedale Avenue”.

A campaign by local shop keepers opposing an “all day clearway” on Mona Vale Road, between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road, began in August 2015. It resulted in a further 103 emails, with 88 opposing the “all day clearway” and 14 in support of it. Five of these people had also provided comments during the formal consultation period.

The issues raised in this correspondence related specifically to parking outside the shops between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road. Similar comments had been received during the formal consultation period and have been considered in this report.

Category	Number of comments	Matter raised	Roads and Maritime's response
Support revised proposal of clearway hours and length	26 comments	<p>Agree with revised proposal</p> <p>Support the plan</p> <p>Needed at weekends</p> <p>Cars parked at St Ives hold up traffic</p> <p>There should be no parking allowed at any time on Mona Vale Road</p> <p>Will assist traffic flow</p> <p>Needed on weekdays to reduce congestion</p> <p>This proposal is essential</p> <p>A clearway through St Ives is long overdue</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments on the revised proposal to introduce a clearway on Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives.</p>
Do not support clearway introduction	16 comments	<p>An imposition on residents outside the shopping area</p> <p>Will not impact on congestion</p>	<p>The proposed clearways will operate during peak hours (6am-10am and 3pm-7pm) on weekdays and 9am-6pm on weekends, with the following exception.</p> <p>To support the morning and lunchtime weekend trade of local businesses, the clearway will only be in operation on weekends from 2pm to 6pm, southbound, between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road.</p> <p>Outside these times, parking will still be permitted on Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives.</p>

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			<p>Roads and Maritime are continuing to work with Kuring-gai Council to seek agreement to improved business parking arrangements for St Ives businesses.</p> <p>An independent parking study determined a clearway was required to reduce congestion and minimise delays along Mona Vale Road.</p> <p>The revised April 2015 proposal ensured a balance between local parking needs and traffic flow for all users. Additional investigations were undertaken in 2016 to further address concerns raised by business owners relating to parking and bus dwell times. The results indicate the proposed clearways would provide benefits for motorists travelling on Mona Vale Road both on weekdays and weekends.</p>
Supports weekday clearway - does not support weekend clearway	7 comments	<p>Weekend clearway is not required</p> <p>Will impact local residents</p> <p>Access for visitors</p> <p>Access for weekend deliveries</p>	<p>Thank you for your support for the introduction of a weekday clearway on Mona Vale Road as outlined in the revised proposal.</p> <p>Additional investigations were undertaken in 2016 to further address concerns raised by shopkeepers relating to parking and bus dwell times. The results indicate the proposed clearways would provide benefits for motorists travelling on Mona Vale Road both on weekdays and weekends. The existing traffic volumes on Mona Vale Road during weekends are similar to traffic volumes on weekdays. Traffic volumes show the peak periods on weekends is spread across the day between 9am and 6pm. When cars are parked in the kerbside lane, only two lanes are available to traffic</p>

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			<p>which causes congestion.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime analysed traffic flow data collected throughout the day to identify flow patterns. Using this data, we selected clearway times that met the needs of the traffic flow.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime are continuing to work with Kuring-gai Council to seek agreement to improved business parking arrangements for St Ives businesses.</p> <p>Deliveries to any address will need to consider the clearway restrictions in place and arrange for delivery outside these times, if they cannot be accommodated within private driveways, in loading zones or via accesses from local roads. This is similar to all other State roads where clearways and No Stopping restrictions are in place.</p> <p>For properties that cannot accommodate visitor parking on site, visitors will need to park in surrounding side streets.</p>
Support seven days a week – modified times	3 comments	<p>Clearway should operate seven days from 6am to 10am and from 2pm to 7pm</p> <p>Clearway southbound should operate 9am to 6pm on weekends</p> <p>Introduce 24 hour 7 day clearway</p>	<p>Thank you for your support for the introduction of a clearway on Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime selected clearway times that met the needs of the traffic flow.</p> <p>The revised proposal ensured a balance between local parking needs and traffic flow for all users.</p>

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			<p>Additional investigations were undertaken in 2016 to further address concerns raised by shopkeepers relating to parking and bus dwell times. The results indicate the proposed clearways would provide benefits for motorists travelling on Mona Vale Road both on weekdays and weekends.</p>
	9 comments	<p>Removal of on-street parking will:</p> <p>reduce accessibility to shops</p> <p>Reduce passing trade</p>	<p>Initial investigation work and an independent parking study determined a clearway was required to reduce existing congestion and minimise delays along Mona Vale Road.</p> <p>In response to feedback received for the March 2014 Mona Vale Road proposal, Roads and Maritime proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retaining weekend parking on Mona Vale Road southbound between Stanley Street and Porters Lane between 9am and 2pm on weekends to support morning and lunch-time trade • Installing new signage to direct customers to existing car parks to the rear of the St Ives retail areas for both north and south bound traffic. <p>Additional investigations were undertaken in 2016 to further address concerns raised by shopkeepers relating to parking and bus dwell times. The results indicate the proposed clearways would provide benefits for motorists travelling on Mona Vale Road both on weekdays and weekends. It also found that over 75 per cent of customers already used off-street parking, and parking could be accommodated in the side streets.</p>

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			<p>We are continuing to work with Ku-ring-gai Council to seek agreement to improved business parking arrangements which could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing an additional 15 parking spaces at the council car park opposite Stanley Street to accommodate a total of 44 cars (subject to Council agreement) • Installing signage to help customers find off-street parking • Implementing daily two hour parking restrictions on Porters Lane from 9am to 6pm (subject to Council agreement) • Implementing one hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road southbound between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road from 10am to 3pm on weekdays and from 9am to 2pm on weekends • Implementing two hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road southbound between Rosedale Road and Porters Lane from 10am to 3pm on weekdays • Retaining one hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road northbound between Denley Lane and Memorial Avenue from 10am to 3pm on weekdays • Converting 12 spaces in the Old School car park to half hour parking restrictions (subject to Council agreement) • Converting 2 spaces on Stanley Street to half hour parking restrictions (subject to Council

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			agreement).
Agree clearway will reduce congestion	3 comments	Proposal will reduce congestion Will assist with traffic flow in peak times	Thank you for your comment on the revised proposal to introduce a clearway on Mona Vale Road between Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives.
Clearway will not impact on congestion	2 comments	Current traffic flow is adequate in two lanes Clearway will not prevent delays	A clearway is expected to reduce the existing traffic congestion and improve traffic flow on Mona Vale Road. Vehicle movements associated with parking affect the kerbside lane and middle lane. By removing parking, there will be three lanes for through traffic, along the majority of the route, which is expected to reduce congestion and delays during clearway times. Traffic modelling carried out in February 2016 also confirmed that the proposed clearway would improve travel times for motorists during its hours of operation, particularly through the St Ives shops.
Parking should be removed from Mona Vale Road	8 comments	Parking is available behind the shops Parking causes congestion Parking causes crashes and near misses	Thank you for your comment on the revised proposal to introduce a clearway on Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives. The revised proposal ensured a balance between local parking needs and traffic flow for all road users. Roads and Maritime notes that parked vehicles may lead to rear-end crashes. By implementing a clearway, cars are prohibited from parking on Mona Vale Road during the proposed hours, which is expected to reduce crashes and near misses.
Impact on residents with	7 comments	Not all residents have on-site parking available	The proposed clearway would operate during peak periods on weekdays from 6am to 10am and 3pm to

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visitors or deliveries		Impact on deliveries and visitors to private residences	<p>7pm and on weekends from 9am to 6pm in residential areas.</p> <p>Deliveries to any address will need to consider the clearway restrictions and arrange for delivery outside these times, if they cannot be accommodated within private driveways, loading zones or accesses from local roads. This is similar to all other State roads where clearways and No Stopping restrictions are in place.</p> <p>For properties that cannot accommodate visitor parking on site, visitors will need to park in surrounding side streets.</p>
More parking alternatives should be provided	8 comments	<p>Proposed alternative car parks are too far away</p> <p>Car park behind store is never used</p> <p>More two hour parking should be provided</p> <p>People will not park and walk to the shops</p> <p>The car park between Porters Lane and Stanley Street could be made more efficient and have greater capacity by re-doing the line marking.</p> <p>Negotiate with shopping centre for more parking to be implemented at the old petrol station site</p>	<p>In both the initial and revised Mona Vale Road clearway proposals, a number of alternative parking proposals were presented to support the businesses at St Ives should the clearways be introduced.</p> <p>In response to feedback received for the March 2014 Mona Vale Road proposal, Roads and Maritime proposed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retaining weekend parking on Mona Vale Road southbound between Stanley Street and Porters Lane from 9am to 2pm on weekends to support morning and lunch-time trade. • Installing signs directing motorists to car parks at the rear of St Ives retail areas. <p>Additional investigations were undertaken in 2016 to further address concerns raised by shopkeepers relating to parking and bus dwell times. The results indicate the proposed clearways would provide benefits</p>

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			<p>for motorists travelling on Mona Vale Road both on weekdays and weekends.</p> <p>We are continuing to work with Ku-ring-gai Council to seek agreement to improved business parking arrangements which could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing an additional 15 parking spaces at the council car park opposite Stanley Street to accommodate a total of 44 cars (subject to Council agreement) • Installing signage to help customers find off-street parking • Implementing daily two hour parking restrictions on Porters Lane from 9am to 6pm (subject to Council agreement) • Implementing one hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road southbound between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road from 10am to 3pm on weekdays and from 9am to 2pm on weekends • Implementing two hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road southbound between Rosedale Road and Porters Lane from 10am to 3pm on weekdays • Retaining one hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road northbound between Denley Lane and Memorial Avenue from 10am to 3pm on weekdays • Converting 12 spaces in the Old School car park to half hour parking restrictions (subject to Council agreement)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Converting 2 spaces on Stanley Street to half hour parking restrictions (subject to Council agreement). <p>The old petrol station site is private property and would not provide a long-term solution in this area.</p>
Parking for new developments	6 comments	<p>New developments should be built with adequate off street parking</p> <p>New child care centre will not have adequate parking on-site</p>	It is the responsibility of councils to determine off-street parking requirements for new developments. This requirement is assessed during the Development Application stage using council's planning controls.
	4 comments	Removal of kerbside parking at St Ives shops westbound will result in motorists being unable to break their journey	<p>The parking study showed that there was parking available behind the shops between Stanley Street and Porters Lane. These spaces can be used by motorists choosing to break their journey at St Ives.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime are continuing to work with Kuring-gai Council to seek agreement to improved business parking arrangements for St Ives businesses.</p>
Compensation	3 comments	<p>Why is there compensation for businesses (provision of alternative parking) and not for residents?</p> <p>Residents should be provided with funding to provide /upgrade their onsite parking</p>	<p>No monetary compensation is provided to any business or resident when parking is removed from any public road.</p> <p>The NSW Government under the Sydney Clearways Strategy determined that any expansion of the clearway network must properly address the potential loss of parking to businesses on the major road, through providing alternative parking capacity nearby. This is determined on a case by case basis with alternative business parking measures determined in consultation with local councils based on demand.</p>
Alternative to	2 comments	Two hour parking should be permitted on	The Strategy identified that introducing weekday and

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clearway between Pacific Highway and Telegraph Road		weekends between the Pacific Highway and Telegraph Road. There is little freight, public transport or congestion.	<p>weekend clearways was required on Mona Vale Road to reduce existing congestion.</p> <p>Parking will still be permitted on weekends outside the proposed clearway hours. Mona Vale Road forms part of the A3 State road route and is an important north-south corridor linking the Pacific Highway and the northern beaches. It is a commuter route and is important for transport access.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime does not support installing two hour parking on weekends between the Pacific Highway and Telegraph Road.</p>
Parking does not cause crashes	2 comments	There is no evidence that parking causes crashes	<p>The likelihood of crashes is increased by a vehicle parked in the kerbside lane. Clearways and parking restrictions help enhance the visibility of intersections and other traffic. Further, parked vehicles may themselves become obstacles, or may prevent drivers from changing lanes to avoid obstacles, such as vehicles waiting to turn. This may cause drivers to brake heavily leading to crashes with other vehicles.</p> <p>During clearway community consultation sessions, residents discussed occasions when parked cars have been involved in crashes.</p> <p>The most recent finalised five-year crash data for Mona Vale Road, between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives, shows 12 crashes involving parked cars were reported between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2014.</p>
Parking does not	2 comments	Parking at St Ives has no effect on the traffic	A clearway is expected to reduce the existing traffic

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cause any problems		<p>flow</p> <p>There is no congestion through St Ives</p>	<p>congestion and improve traffic flow on Mona Vale Road.</p> <p>Vehicle movements associated with parking affect both the kerbside and middle lanes. By removing the parking, there are three lanes for traffic which is expected to reduce congestion and delays during clearway times on most of this route.</p>
Emergency parking	1 comment	There is no adequate parking for emergency vehicles	In the event of an emergency, Police, Ambulance and Fire Services will park in close proximity to the emergency.
Pedestrian safety and access across Mona Vale Road	2 comments	An underpass should be provided at Memorial Avenue which will improve access, traffic flow and safety	<p>At this time, Roads and Maritime does not consider installing an underpass at this location is warranted.</p> <p>We have passed this suggestion to Council for their consideration as part of any future redevelopment of the area around St Ives shops.</p> <p>The traffic lights at the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Memorial Avenue allow pedestrians to cross the road at each leg of the intersection. Roads and Maritime considers this a safe crossing environment for pedestrians.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime has no plans to provide a grade separated crossing at this location at this time.</p>
Pedestrian barrier	1 comment	Install barriers on the median strip through St Ives so people will cross at the traffic signals	<p>Roads and Maritime has no plan to install a pedestrian fence at this location at this time.</p> <p>A review of the most recent finalised five year crash data on Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives shows eight</p>

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			reported crashes involving pedestrians between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2014. Only one of these occurred in the St Ives retail area.
Driveway access	6 comments	<p>Entering and exiting driveways will be more hazardous</p> <p>Road side trees and street furniture block vision of traffic already – will be more dangerous</p> <p>Other drivers do not slow for residents turning into driveways</p>	<p>By removing parked cars in the kerbside lane during the proposed clearway hours, the line-of-sight for vehicles exiting driveways and for vehicles travelling in the kerbside lane is expected to be improved.</p> <p>No changes are proposed to roadside furniture or trees on the nature strip as part of this revised proposal. Roads and Maritime has referred these concerns to Kuring-gai Council.</p>
Speeding	7 comments	<p>Motorists will be more likely to speed</p> <p>Trucks will speed through the area as they will not have to change lanes to avoid parked cars</p>	The NSW Police are responsible for the enforcement of the road rules, including speeding. NSW Police will continue to enforce the speed limits along Mona Vale Road to ensure that motorists travel within these limits, when the clearway is introduced
	4 comments	Review current speed limits on Mona Vale Road	<p>The current speed limits on Mona Vale Road are appropriate at this time and in accordance with the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime reviewed the speed limits on Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and 215 metres west of Samuel Street, Mona Vale as part of the NSW Government's 100 Day Action Plan in 2012. Mona Vale Road was assessed in accordance with the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines.</p> <p>The speed limit review assessed a number of factors including crash history, road geometry, road environment, road use, nearby development, traffic mix, traffic volumes and the number of access points along</p>

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			this route. There was no change to the speed limits from St Ives to Pymble.
Speed/safety cameras	3 comments	<p>Install speed cameras to fine drivers travelling above the speed limit</p> <p>Increase police enforcement through this area</p> <p>Safety cameras will slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety</p>	<p>Members of the public can nominate locations for speed and safety cameras through the Safer Roads website: http://www.saferroadsnsw.com.au/</p> <p>The NSW Police are responsible for the enforcement of the road rules. NSW Police will continue to enforce these rules along Mona Vale Road to ensure that motorists travel within these limits and obey traffic signals, when the clearway is introduced.</p>
Traffic data	6 comments	<p>The traffic flow data (to show 800 vehicles per lane) was only collected over one week which is not adequate</p> <p>Do not believe that data from Link Road accurately reflects traffic flow through St Ives village as a lot of traffic turns off at Link Road.</p> <p>Anecdotally, traffic flow criteria are probably only met in peak times am southbound and pm northbound on weekdays.</p>	<p>The traffic volume data was collected from a permanent count station between 1 January 2010 and 26 June 2013, for 834 week days and 354 weekend days. Intersection counts have also been reviewed to validate this data.</p> <p>Weekday traffic volumes are highest in both directions during the morning and afternoon peak periods while on weekends these are spread across the day between 9am and 6pm.</p>
Traffic lights	7 comments	The timing of the traffic lights cause congestion	<p>The traffic lights on Mona Vale Road are linked to Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS). SCATS is a traffic management system that synchronises nearby traffic lights to optimise traffic flow across the road network.</p> <p>If the clearway is installed, Roads and Maritime will review the timing of the phases for these signals.</p>

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	7 comments	<p>Improve traffic flow on Killeaton Road and Burns Road</p> <p>'Rat running' via Highlands Avenue</p> <p>Residents and pedestrian safety needs to be addressed in Highlands Avenue</p> <p>Congestion in Garrick Avenue</p> <p>Request for pedestrian crossings at the Village Green and Horace Street</p> <p>Porters Lane should be made one way</p> <p>Drop off and pick up times at local schools cause queuing on local roads</p>	<p>These issues are considered outside the scope of this proposal.</p> <p>Killeaton Road, Burns Road, Highlands Avenue, Garrick Avenue, Horace Street and Porters Lane are local roads under the care and control of Ku-ring-gai Council and the matters raised have been referred to council for its consideration.</p>
	2 comments	Impact of clearway on property values	This matter is considered outside the scope of this proposal.
	2 comments	Traffic congestion on Lane Cove Road at Macquarie Park should be addressed before Mona Vale Road	New and extended clearway hours (6am-7pm weekdays and 9am-6pm weekends) became operational on Monday 14 September 2015 on Church Street/Devlin Street/Lane Cove Road from Ryde Bridge, Ryde to Yanko Road, West Pymble. This includes the section of Lane Cove Road at Macquarie Park. Further information on this clearway is available at: rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/key-build-program/sydney-clearways-strategy.html
	2 comments	A dedicated right turn should be provided from Cowan Road to Mona Vale Road to reduce congestion in Cowan Road	In January 2015, Roads and Maritime investigated providing a right turn phase at the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Cowan Road. The investigation found that implementing a separate right turn phase is not

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			warranted at this time. However, the timing of the phase for Cowan Road traffic was adjusted in an effort to reduce delays for traffic turning right into Mona Vale Road.
	1 comment	Cyclists using main roads can cause congestion as drivers have to change lanes to get past	Cyclists are permitted to ride on the road. They must obey the road rules and may not ride more than two abreast in a traffic lane.
	1 comment	Consider impact of new retirement village proposal on Mona Vale Road	<p>This matter is considered outside the scope of this proposal.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of councils to determine off-street parking requirements for new developments, which is assessed during the Development Application stage using its planning controls.</p>
	1 comment	Objection to the proposed extension to 'No stopping' zone near Memorial Avenue	While the extension of the 'No Stopping' zone results in the loss of two parking spaces, it will accommodate the traffic queuing to turn left into Memorial Avenue from Mona Vale Road. This is expected to reduce queuing into the through lanes on Mona Vale Road. It is considered an appropriate measure to improve motorist and pedestrian safety on approach to the Memorial Avenue intersection.
	1 comment	Weekend clearways should be introduced gradually and on more major roads first	<p>The NSW Government has implemented more than 100 kilometres of Clearways on major corridors identified in the Sydney Clearways Strategy.</p> <p>The Strategy identified that extending weekday hours and introducing weekend clearways were required on a number of major routes across Sydney, including Mona Vale Road.</p> <p>Weekend clearways are being investigated on a</p>

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			<p>number of routes throughout Sydney.</p> <p>Weekend clearways have already been introduced on Victoria Road between Rozelle and Drummoyne; Parramatta Road between Parramatta and Ashfield; Princes Highway between Blakehurst and Kirrawee; Church Street/Devlin Street/Lane Cove Road between Ryde and West Pymble and Anzac Parade between Centennial Park and Moore Park.</p>
	1 comment	Will impact the village atmosphere of St Ives	Roads and Maritime does not consider the proposal will have this impact.
	1 comment	Noise will increase	Vehicle noise is higher when accelerating from a standing start. The revised proposal is expected to increase traffic flow and reduce existing congestion which would reduce the number of stop/start movements. Roads and Maritime expects the clearway proposal would reduce noise along Mona Vale Road.
	1 comment	Install new signage as per Roads and Maritime guidelines and Australian standards and use existing infrastructure where possible	Roads and Maritime will install new signage as per Roads and Maritime guidelines and Australian standards and use existing infrastructure where possible.
	1 comment	Introduce T3 lanes [transit lanes] instead of clearways. Buses could travel in the T3 lane and merge into lane two to get around parked cars.	The introduction of transit lanes would not achieve the desired outcomes of the clearway proposal, which is to improve traffic flow and ease existing congestion. Clearways ensure that all trafficable lanes are available during the heaviest periods of traffic congestion which is an issue that transit lanes do not address.
	1 comment	Proposes clearways on local roads	Clearways are installed on roads with high volumes of traffic which are at or close to capacity. Clearways ensure that all trafficable lanes are available during the heaviest periods of traffic congestion. As outlined in the Strategy, criteria have been developed to guide the

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			investigation of clearways. Many local roads would not meet the criteria for a clearway investigation at this time. However, individual locations on local roads can be referred to council for consideration of parking restrictions to assist with traffic flow.
	1 comment	Clearways should operate on public holidays	Clearways are enforceable on weekdays and/or weekends as signposted. This includes days that a public holiday has been declared.
	6 comments	Short notice to provide comments on revised proposal	We apologise for the late delivery of the community update in some areas. All comments, including those received after the consultation closing date, have been considered in this report.
Petition	1 petition 431 signatures	"No clearway between Stanley St and Rosedale Ave" [sic]	<p>The April 2015 revised proposal recognised the concerns of businesses in the area, by reducing the hours of westbound weekend clearway operation.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime had proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retaining weekend parking on Mona Vale Road southbound between Stanley Street and Porters Lane from 9am to 2pm on weekends to support morning and lunch-time trade. • Installing new signage to direct customers to existing car parking to the rear of the retail areas both north and south bound between Stanley Street and Porters Lane <p>We also carried out additional surveys in May 2015 to better understand the impact that the proposed removal of parking spaces between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road would have on businesses.</p>

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			<p>We are continuing to work with Ku-ring-gai Council to seek agreement to improved business parking arrangements which could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing an additional 15 parking spaces at the council car park opposite Stanley Street to accommodate a total of 44 cars (subject to Council agreement) • Installing signage to help customers find off-street parking • Implementing daily two hour parking restrictions on Porters Lane from 9am to 6pm (subject to Council agreement) • Implementing one hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road southbound between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road from 10am to 3pm on weekdays and from 9am to 2pm on weekends • Implementing two hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road southbound between Rosedale Road and Porters Lane from 10am to 3pm on weekdays • Retaining one hour parking restrictions on Mona Vale Road northbound between Denley Lane and Memorial Avenue from 10am to 3pm on weekdays • Converting 12 spaces in the Old School car park to half hour parking restrictions (subject to Council agreement) • Converting 2 spaces on Stanley Street to half hour parking restrictions (subject to Council

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			<p>agreement).</p> <p>Additional investigations were undertaken in 2016 to further address concerns raised by shopkeepers relating to parking and bus dwell times. The results indicate the proposed clearways would provide benefits for motorists travelling on Mona Vale Road both on weekdays and weekends.</p>

Appendices

Appendix A Community letter – April 2015

Appendix B Letterbox distribution area of community letter

Appendix C Print advertisement – April 2015

Have your say

APRIL 2015



Proposed clearway Mona Vale Road – Pymble to St Ives

While the NSW Government invests in major infrastructure it's also rolling out immediate measures to reduce congestion 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.

Roads and Maritime Services understands and appreciates the importance of finding a balance between reducing congestion and the needs of road users, local business operators and people accessing services. To support local businesses, we've created a \$21 million fund to help identify alternative parking and reduce the impacts of a clearway extension.

Mona Vale Road, from the Pacific Highway, Pymble to Kitchener Street, St Ives has been identified as a possible clearway and Roads and Maritime proposes to provide alternative parking arrangements next to Mona Vale Road. As a result of previous community and stakeholder feedback, we are carrying out further consultation on the revised clearway hours and alternative parking arrangements. We would like your comments by **Tuesday 5 May 2015**.

Background

In February and March 2014, Roads and Maritime sought community feedback on a proposal to introduce new clearways along Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives in both directions.

We received feedback from 68 people, businesses and organisations, with more than half in support of the proposal.

We have prepared a community consultation report, which summarises the comments we received and our responses. The report is available to view on our website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways.

Current situation

This section of Mona Vale Road between Pymble and St Ives is predominantly a six lane divided road. Only a short section of Mona Vale Road, between Kitchener Street and Link Road in the southbound direction, has existing clearway restrictions.

This clearway operates during the morning peak period, between Mondays and Fridays from 6am to 10am.

Investigations

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

- Travel speeds are less than 30km/h during peak times per hour during peak times
- The road is a strategic bus or freight corridor for moving people and goods
- Alternative public parking close to local businesses or parking removed to extend or introduce a clearway.

Our investigations show that this section of Mona Vale Road from the Pacific Highway to Kitchener Street fulfils these criteria.

Next steps

A community consultation report will be prepared summarising all of the comments we receive and our responses to them. This report will be made available on the Roads and Maritime website.

IDENTIFICATION OF ROUTE SUITABLE FOR A CLEARWAY

GATHER COMMUNITY ISSUES AND IDEAS

RELEASE COMMUNITY ISSUES REPORT AND GATHER COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON REVISED CLEARWAY PROPOSAL AND ALTERNATIVE PARKING

SEEK APPROVAL FOR PROJECT

IMPLEMENT CLEARWAY, IF APPROVED

Have your say

Roads and Maritime welcomes your comments by **Tuesday 5 May** on how our proposed clearways can be better used to reduce congestion and improve safety along Mona Vale Road. We would like your feedback on the revised hours of operation and alternative parking arrangements. You can provide comments on the Mona Vale Road clearway proposal or find out more by:

- **Visiting** www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects
An interactive map is available to provide feedback at specific locations along the route.
- **Calling** 1300 706 232
- **Emailing** Clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au
PO Box 973 Parramatta CBD NSW 2124
- **Nominating** another clearway at transport.nsw.gov.au/hydro/clearwaysstrategy
- **Coming along to our drop in community information session** to discuss the project with the project team.

Community information sessions

Wednesday 29 April

6pm to 8pm

St Ives Library meeting room

St Ives Shopping Village, Memorial Avenue,
St Ives NSW 2075



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Proposed changes

As a result of community and stakeholder feedback, we are proposing to make some changes around Mona Vale Road at St Ives. We have carried out detailed investigations, an additional parking study, and held further discussions with Ku-ring-gai Council to inform this revised proposal.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The clearway hours in most sections along Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives in both directions will remain as proposed in 2014:

- Weekdays from 6am to 10am
- Weekdays from 3pm to 7pm
- Weekends from 9am to 6pm.

We have revised the initial proposal by reducing the clearway hours on Mona Vale Road (southbound) between Stanley Street and Porters Lane:

- Weekends from 2pm to 6pm.

Alternative parking arrangements

To ensure a balance between local parking needs and traffic flow, we are proposing these parking arrangements:

- Providing 15 additional parking spaces at the council car park opposite Stanley Street, increasing capacity to 44 cars

- Implementing two hour parking on Porters Lane between Mona Vale Road and Rosedale Road from 9am to 6pm, everyday
- Retaining one hour parking on Mona Vale Road outside clearway hours:
 - Between Denley Lane and Memorial Avenue from 10am to 3pm on weekdays, northbound
 - Between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road from 10am to 3pm on weekdays and from 9am to 2pm on weekends, southbound
- Retaining two hour parking southbound on Mona Vale Road between Rosedale Road and Porters Lane from 10am to 3pm on weekdays and from 9am to 2pm on weekends
- Installing signage to identify where motorists can find off street parking
- Expanding the 'No Stopping' zone on Mona Vale Road by about 18 metres, or two car spaces, on approach to Memorial Avenue, northbound.

We invite your comments on this revised proposal.

Clearway and alternative parking proposal for St Ives retail area

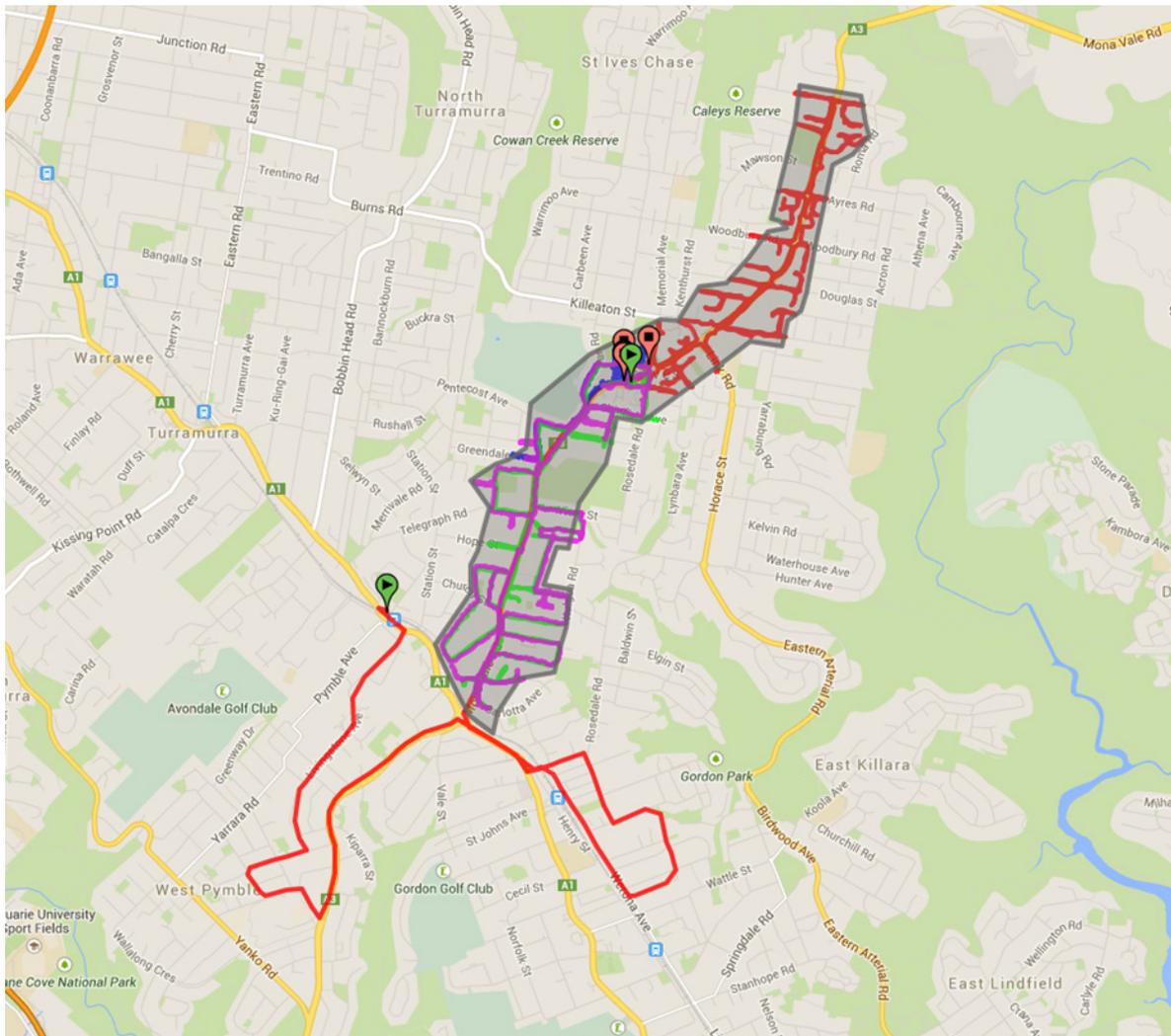


What is a clearway?

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.



Appendix B – Letterbox distribution area





Transport
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Have your say

Mona Vale Road clearway, Pymble to St Ives

In February and March 2014, Roads and Maritime Services sought community feedback on a proposal to introduce new clearways along Mona Vale Road, from the Pacific Highway, Pymble to Kitchener Street, St Ives in both directions.

We are now seeking further feedback on alternative parking arrangements and revised clearway hours.

We are proposing weekend clearway hours on Mona Vale Road between Stanley Street and Porters Lane from 2pm to 6pm, southbound.

For alternative parking, we propose to expand the council car park opposite Stanley Street with an additional 15 car spaces, totalling 44 spaces.

Once this round of feedback has been considered, the clearway proposal on Mona Vale Road between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives will be implemented. Clearway hours in both directions will be:

- Weekdays from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm
- Weekends from 9am to 6pm

Please submit your feedback by **Tuesday 5 May 2015**.

Write to: Clearways
Roads and Maritime Services
PO Box 973
Parramatta CBD NSW 2124

Email: Clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au

Community information session:

When: Wednesday 29 April from 6pm to 8pm

Where: St Ives community meeting room
207 Mona Vale Road (Corner of Rosedale Road),
St Ives NSW 2075

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