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## Sydney Clearways Strategy – *Keeping Sydney Moving*

### Princes Highway – Blakehurst to Kirrawee

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 Princes Highway, from King Georges Road, Blakehurst, to President Avenue, Kirrawee, 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 we can be better using clearways to reduce congestion on Princes Highway while minimising impacts on businesses and the community.

### Background

Princes Highway between Blakehurst and Kirrawee is an important urban arterial road which is part of the A1. The A1 connects south coast towns and Wollongong to Sydney. It also provides access to major roads including the M5 Motorway, A3 King Georges Road, A36 Princes Highway (city) and M1 Pacific Highway. It is also identified as an important bus route in *Sydney's Bus Future*<sup>\*</sup>, for fast and frequent bus services.

There are existing clearways on a critical section of Princes Highway between Blakehurst and Kirrawee. These clearways operate during the morning and afternoon peak periods, Monday to Friday from 6am to 10am northbound and 3pm to 7pm southbound.

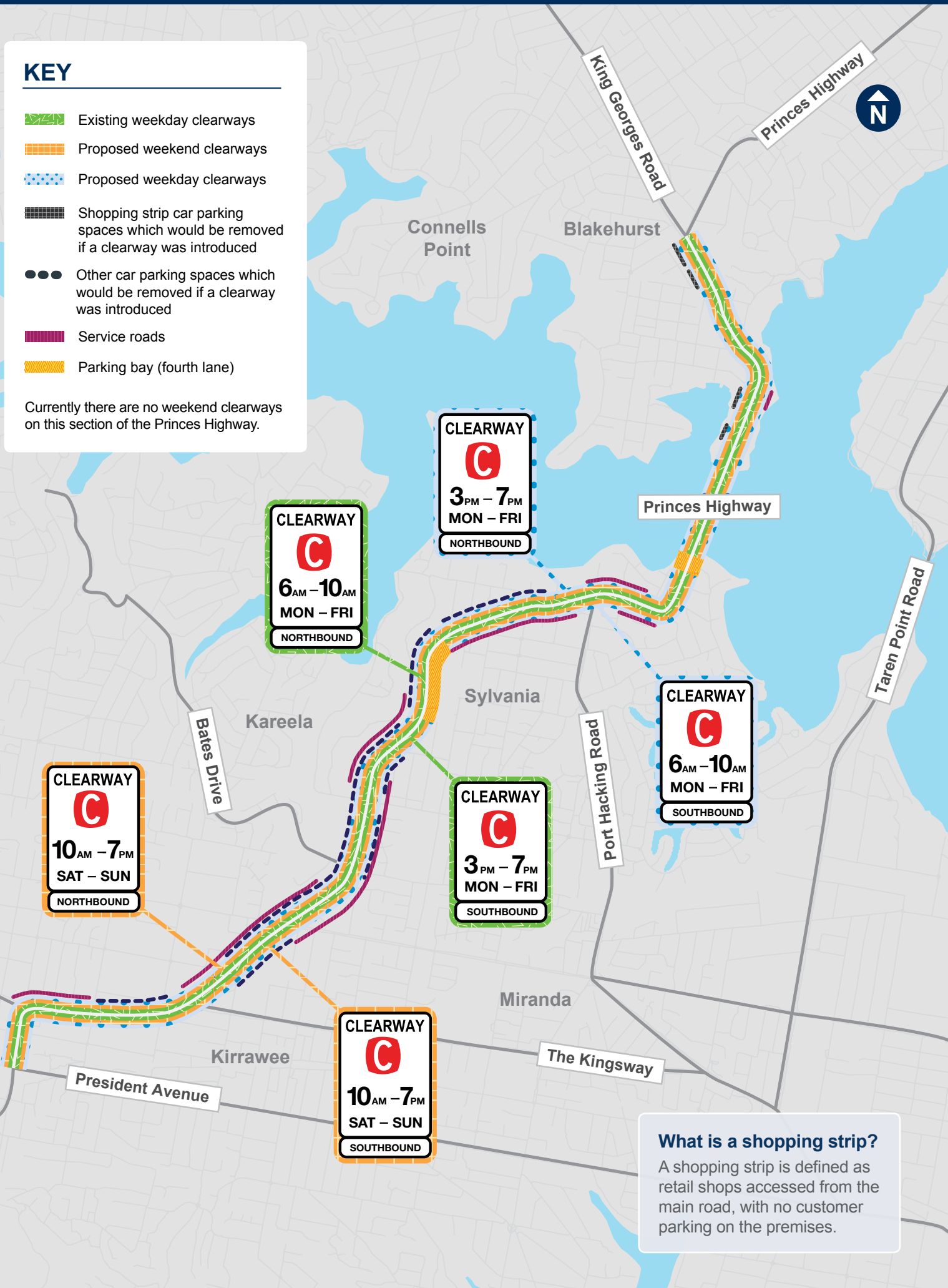
Alternative parking options on service roads are available running parallel to Princes Highway.

<sup>\*</sup>*Sydney's Bus Future* is a NSW Government long term plan. For more information visit [transport.nsw.nsw.gov.au](http://transport.nsw.nsw.gov.au) and search 'Sydney's Bus Future'

## KEY

-  Existing weekday clearways
-  Proposed weekend clearways
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-  Shopping strip car parking spaces which would be removed if a clearway was introduced
-  Other car parking spaces which would be removed if a clearway was introduced
-  Service roads
-  Parking bay (fourth lane)

Currently there are no weekend clearways on this section of the Princes Highway.



### What is a shopping strip?

A shopping strip is defined as retail shops accessed from the main road, with no customer parking on the premises.



North of Tom Ugly's Bridge, Blakehurst.

## Preliminary investigations

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

- Travel speed 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 Princes Highway fulfils these criteria. It is estimated this proposal would affect 23 shopping strip parking spaces which are used regularly. The other affected parking spaces (about 378) along the route are rarely used as off street parking and unrestricted parking is available along side streets and service roads. 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 Princes Highway on:

- Weekdays from 6am to 10am (southbound)
- Weekdays from 3pm to 7pm (northbound)
- Weekends from 10am to 7pm (in both directions).

We welcome your comments on these proposed hours.

Clearways are not proposed where there are currently three lanes of through traffic and a parking lane. These



North of Holt Road on Princes Highway, Sylvania.

are located immediately south of Tom Ugly's bridge and at Sylvania Heights between Sylvan Street and Holt Road.

## Investigations and community consultation

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

- Working collaboratively with Sutherland Shire Council and Kogarah City Council, 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](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/sydneyclearwaysstrategy) for information on extending weekday clearways and introducing weekend clearways.

### 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.



## Have your say

Roads and Maritime welcomes your comments by **Friday 28 March** on how clearways can be better used to reduce congestion along Princes Highway 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 Princes Highway proposal or find out more by:

- **Visiting** [rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways](https://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](mailto: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](https://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 8 March

9am to 11am

**GyMEA North Public School**

Ruby Road

GyMEA NSW 2227

### Thursday 13 March

6pm to 8pm

**Sylvania Community Centre**

Canberra Road

Sylvania NSW 2224

## 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 ongoing investigations. We will keep the community informed as the project progresses.



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