

# New and extended clearways on King Georges Road from Beverly Hills to Blakehurst

## Engagement Report

Roads and Maritime Services | June 2018





## Executive summary

In November and December 2017, Roads and Maritime Services engaged with the community and key stakeholders, including business owners, about changes to the clearways on King Georges Road between Stoney Creek Road, Beverly Hills and Princes Highway, Blakehurst.

This road corridor was identified in the Sydney Clearways Strategy in December 2013. The strategy aims to help manage congestion across the Sydney road network by introducing new and extended clearways on busy roads that play an important role in moving people and goods across Sydney.

The changes to clearway hours for King Georges Road between Stoney Creek Road, Beverly Hills and Princes Highway, Blakehurst are shown below:

**Table 1 - New and existing clearways Stoney Creek Road to Connells Point Road (in both directions)**

	Existing Clearways	New Clearways
Weekdays	6am-10am 3pm-7pm	6am-7pm
Weekends and public holidays	No clearways	9am-6pm

**Table 2 - New and existing clearways Connells Point Road to Princes Highway (in both directions)**

	Existing Clearways	New Clearways
Weekdays	6am-10am 3pm-7pm	No changes
Weekends and public holidays	No clearways	9am-6pm

There will be no changes to existing parking restrictions on King Georges Road outside the new clearway hours.

Roads and Maritime is working with Georges River Council to provide additional timed parking on side streets, near Connells Point Road shops and Blakesley Road shops, during the weekend clearway hours to offset the parking spaces that will be removed from King Georges Road. The proposed locations are:

- Allen Street – seven ‘1P’ parking spaces
- Allen Street car park – six ‘1/2P’ parking spaces
- Short Street – three ‘1/2P’ parking spaces
- Blakesley Road – three ‘1/2P’ parking spaces.

This engagement report provides a summary of the feedback received from businesses and community members. The key matters raised were about the need for weekend clearways, lack of offset business customer parking in Blakehurst and lack of consideration of impact to businesses.

The summary of the feedback and responses can be found in the section “Feedback summary and Roads and Maritime’s response” of this document.

Roads and Maritime is planning to install the new and extended clearway signage in the coming months. Prior to the introduction of new and extended clearways, Roads and Maritime will continue to work with Georges River Council to finalise the alternate business customer parking.

We will continue to keep the community updated as this project progresses.

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# Introduction

## Background

On 1 December 2013, the NSW Government released the Sydney Clearways Strategy as a key initiative to reduce congestion on Sydney's state roads. The strategy aims to increase the performance of Sydney's state roads by introducing new or extended clearways on roads that are experiencing congestion and not operating at full capacity to efficiently transport people and goods across the Sydney metropolitan area.

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.

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. The current clearways network has been in place for several decades, and has proven to be effective in improving 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 peak periods.

The Sydney Clearways Strategy also sets out a process for engaging with local communities and councils and for ensuring alternate business customer parking is available to minimise impacts on local businesses.

The NSW Government has committed \$121 million to the Sydney Clearways Strategy which includes assisting local councils with alternate business customer parking solutions where feasible. So far, we have delivered over 330 kilometres of new and extended weekend and weekday clearways across the Sydney road network under the Sydney Clearways Strategy.

King Georges Road is a four to six lane divided road in Sydney's south. It plays an important role in moving people and goods from the Northern Beaches, via Macquarie Park and Homebush to Blakehurst. It forms part of the A3 corridor and is State Road Number 200, gazetted in 1993.

During our investigations in October 2016, we found that for King Georges Road, there were around:

- 50,000 vehicles on weekdays
- 48,000 vehicles on Saturday
- 41,000 vehicles on Sunday.

Existing weekday clearways operate from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm in both directions. There are 'No Parking' and 'No Stopping' restrictions that operate at other times on parts of this corridor.

Investigations of traffic volumes and travel times have been used to determine the extension of the existing weekday clearways between Stoney Creek Road and Connells Point Road and the introduction of new weekend and public holiday clearways between Stoney Creek Road and Princes Highway. This will assist in easing congestion, improving travel times and safety for road users.

## The proposal

Roads and Maritime Services is extending the existing weekday clearway hours and introducing new weekend clearways on King Georges Road from Stoney Creek Road, Beverly Hills to Princes Highway, Blakehurst.

The new clearway hours on King Georges Road (in both directions) are:

- 6am-7pm on weekdays between Stoney Creek Road and Connells Point Road
- 6am-10am and 3pm-7pm on weekdays between Connells Point Road and Princes Highway
- 9am-6pm on weekends and public holidays between Stoney Creek Road and Princes Highway.

The hours are also shown in in Figure 1.

The existing parking restrictions on King Georges Road will continue to operate outside the new and extended clearway hours.

In October 2016, Roads and Maritime investigated business customer parking along King Georges Road to identify alternate business parking arrangements to accommodate for the removal of parking from King Georges Road. The study assessed the usage and duration of business parking on this section of King Georges Road and available parking in nearby side streets.

The investigation identified that there was existing capacity on side-streets and in the Allen Street carpark to offset the parking spaces that will be removed from King Georges Road.

In November and December 2017, Roads and Maritime sought feedback on the proposed alternate business parking arrangements around Connells Point Road and Blakesley Road shops, which would convert unrestricted parking into timed parking (see figure 1) during weekend clearway hours on:

- Allen Street – seven '1P' parking spaces
- Allen Street car park – six '1/2P' parking spaces
- Short Street – three '1/2P' parking spaces
- Blakesley Road – three '1/2P' parking spaces.

These changes to local road timed parking are subject to council approval.

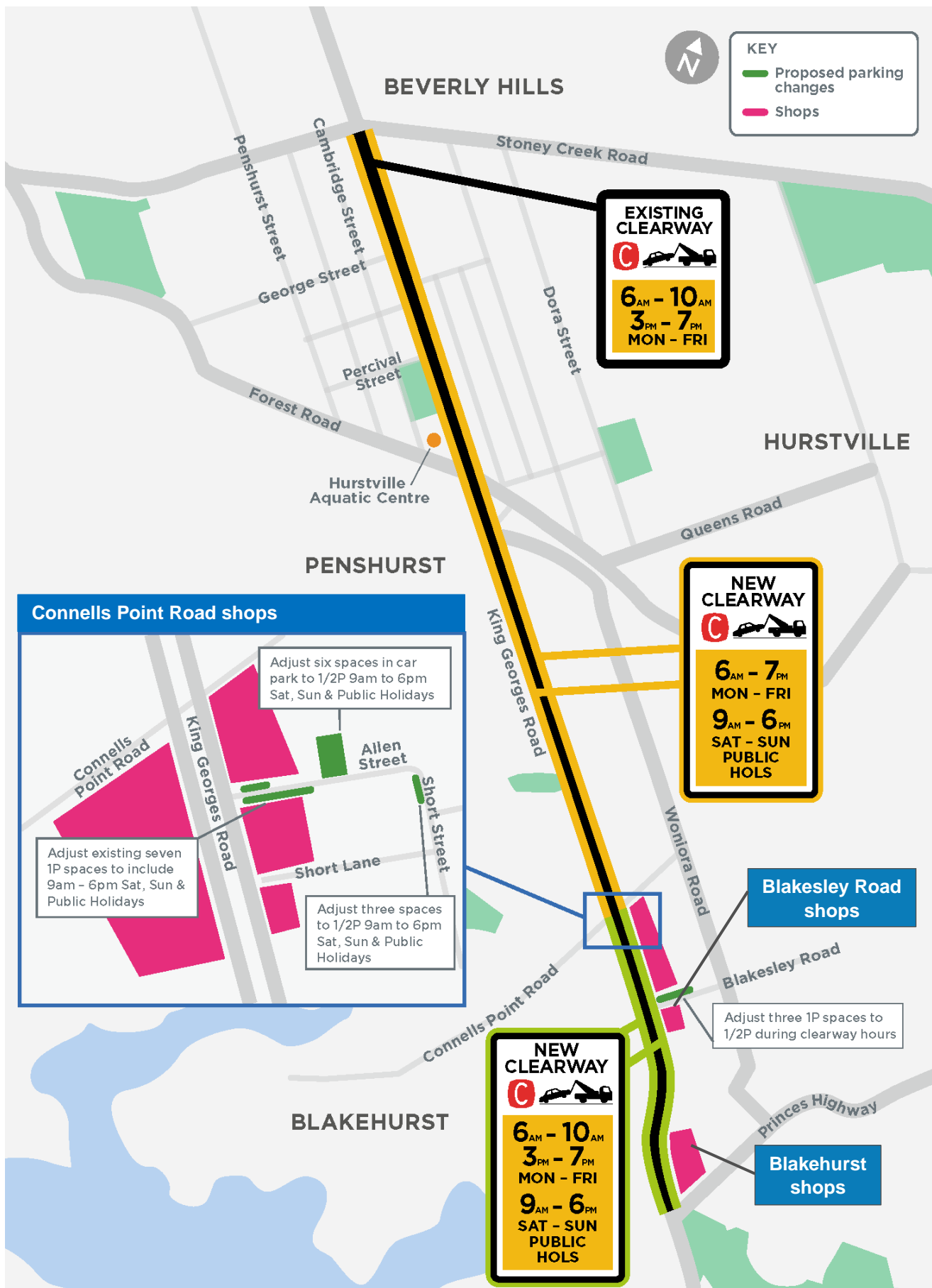


Figure 1 - Clearways on King Georges Road, Beverly Hills to Blakehurst



# Engagement approach

## Engagement objectives

Roads and Maritime engaged with the community to understand their concerns and needs, so that this feedback can be considered as part of the decision making process where possible.

This allows Roads and Maritime to:

- seek comment, feedback, ideas and suggestions for consideration when making a decision on a matter that has not yet been determined;
- advise directly affected stakeholders of changes and/or proposals;
- build a database of interested and concerned community members with whom to continue engagement with during the project's development and delivery; and
- advise the community on how they can obtain further information and communicate feedback.

## How engagement was done

Roads and Maritime adopted an 'inform' and 'consult' engagement approach for this project to:

- 'Inform' the community, businesses and other stakeholders on the extended weekday and new weekend clearways hours, as these have been determined based on traffic volumes and travel times; and
- 'Consult' on the alternate business parking proposal to develop the parking changes based on the business customer parking needs.

Roads and Maritime commenced engagement with the community and stakeholders on Wednesday 29 November 2017 and feedback closed on Friday 15 December 2017 (see table 3).

Table 3 - Community and stakeholder engagement

Method	Event	Date
Stakeholder Meetings	Briefed Office of Member for Oatley, Mark Coure MP	30 November 2017
	Meeting with Georges River Council	09 November 2017 – Briefing to council staff 12 December 2017 – Briefing to councillors
	Doorknocked 26 businesses on King Georges Road between Connells Point Road and Princes Highway.	29 November 2017
Project Update Distribution	Project Update (see Appendix A) distributed to 1,150 properties within the distribution area (see Appendix B).	29 November 2017
	Project Update emailed to local MPs	29-30 November

	Project Update emailed to key stakeholders including Local Council, police, emergency services, utility companies.	5 December 2017
Website	Project webpage with information including the Project Update.	29 November 2017
Social media post	Facebook post (see Appendix C) to inform of the kiosk and link to the project page.	1 December 2017
Information kiosk at Hurstville Aquatic Centre	The Clearways project team was available to discuss the clearway and proposed alternate business parking.	5 December 2017
Media Release	Media release issued by Roads and Maritime to Ministers Office.	7 December 2017
<b>Close of feedback</b>		<b>15 December 2017</b>

# Engagement summary

## Overview

Feedback was sought from businesses and the community on the parking proposal near shops between Connells Point Road and Princes Highway. This feedback will be used in discussion with Georges River Council to confirm the final business parking arrangements prior to the installation of the clearways.

As part of the engagement, the 26 directly impacted businesses were doorknocked. Of these, seven provided feedback on the day with an additional four providing feedback at a later date.

A number of residents also questioned the need for the weekend clearway.

Table 4 summarises the verbal and written feedback received during the community engagement on the clearways and the business parking proposal.

In summary, key matters raised included:

- need for clearways on weekends
- lack of offset business customer parking in Blakehurst
- lack of consideration of impact to businesses.

A geo-targeted social media post (see Appendix C) was also published on Facebook. This enabled us to target road users who travel along the road corridor to inform them of the changes and encourage feedback. The post received 156 reactions, the majority positive. There were also 51 comments raising:

- support for widening of King Georges Road and other pinch points on the corridor
- general comments on extending the clearway
- requests for restricting right hand turns
- nominations for other clearways
- concerns about the impact on local businesses.

## Feedback and Roads and Maritime's responses

Roads and Maritime has summarised the feedback received and provided responses below. This report will be made available to the public.

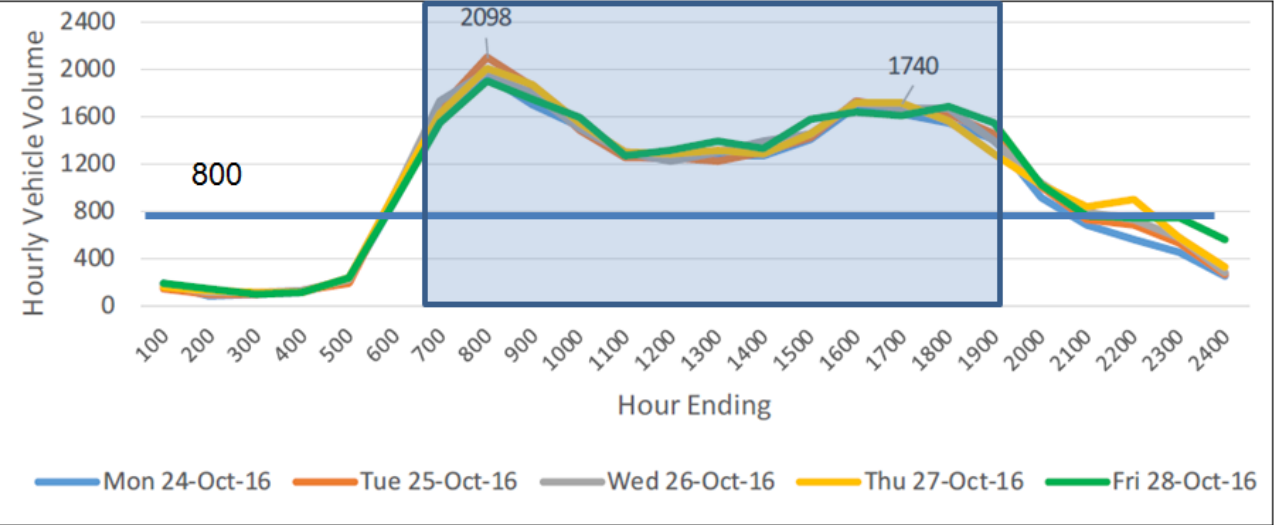
All feedback has been considered to help Roads and Maritime make decisions on the alternate business parking arrangement. Matters raised during engagement that are out of scope of this project have been forwarded to the relevant bodies/departments.

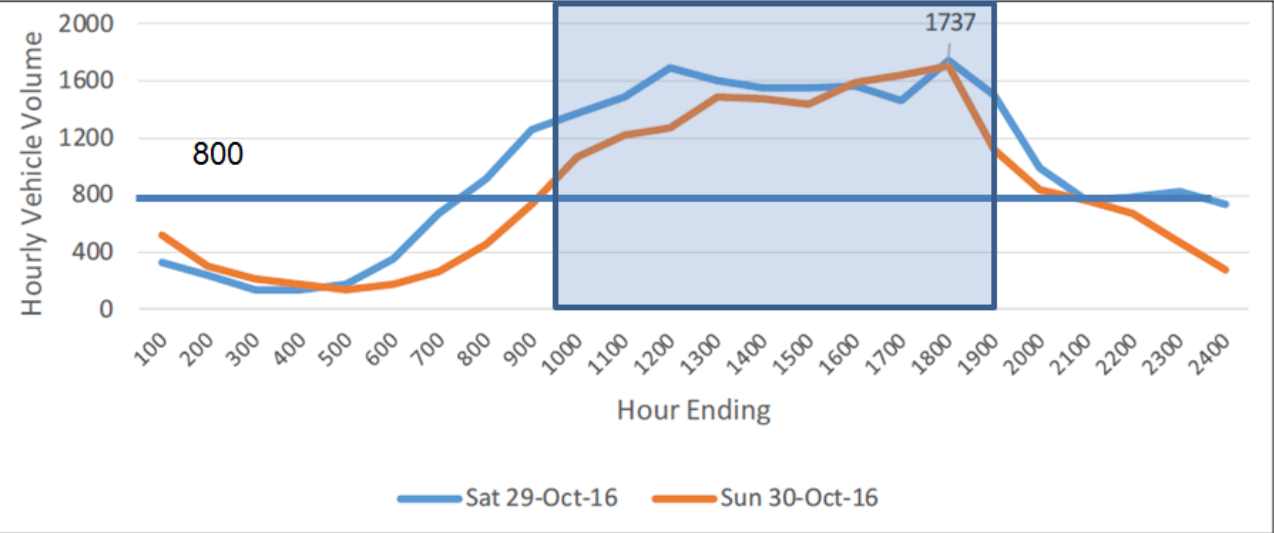
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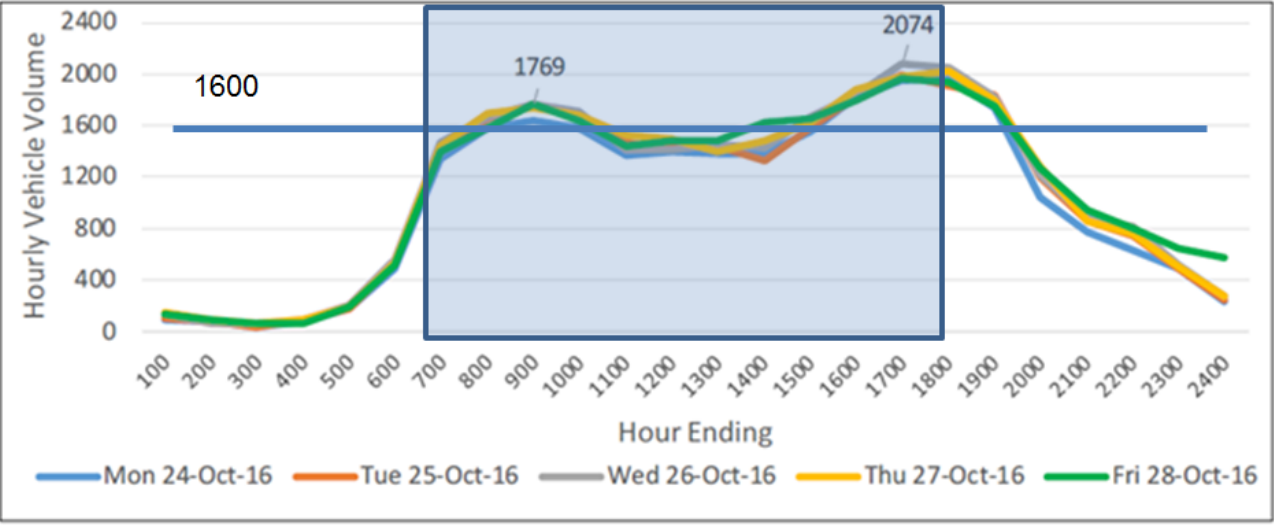
Table 4 - Feedback received via email and direct stakeholder engagement

Category	Feedback	Roads and Maritimes' response
<b>Project justification</b>	The proposed clearways will not help.	<p>King Georges Road was identified in the Sydney Clearways Strategy in 2013. The strategy identifies over 1000 kilometres of state roads and key corridors across Sydney, which may benefit from introduction of new and extended weekday and weekend clearways, to improve the movement of goods and people and to reduce delays and congestion by maximising use of existing road space.</p> <p>Clearways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reduce congestion by making an additional lane available to traffic during peak times</li> <li>• improve journey times, allowing drivers to get to their destination sooner and more reliably</li> <li>• improve safety by removing parked vehicles from the kerbside lane</li> <li>• have an immediate positive impact on traffic flow as it uses existing road space for the movement of vehicles</li> <li>• improve the efficiency of intersections along the corridor, as all lanes are used.</li> </ul>
	Due to lane configuration of King Georges Road, the clearways will not reduce congestion, but increase it.	
	Clearways are a temporary solution and do not address the underlying issues.	
<b>Clearway operating hours</b>	There is not enough traffic to warrant a weekend clearway.	<p>The Sydney Clearway Strategy published in December 2013 identified routes which may benefit from clearways and that required further investigation on Sydney's road network. These routes were identified, based on an assessment of the following criteria at that time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• directional traffic flows exceed 800 vehicles per hour per lane</li> <li>• travel speeds are 30km/h or below during peak periods</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, roads identified in the Strategy required further individual assessment if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the road is a strategic bus or freight transport corridor for moving people and goods</li> <li>• alternate public parking close to local businesses can be found, taking into account the quantity and usage of parking removed to extend or introduce a new clearway.</li> </ul> <p>The King Georges Road corridor from Stoney Creek Road to Princes Highway has been identified in the Sydney Clearways Strategy as:</p>
	Change weekend clearways to operate from noon to 6pm.	

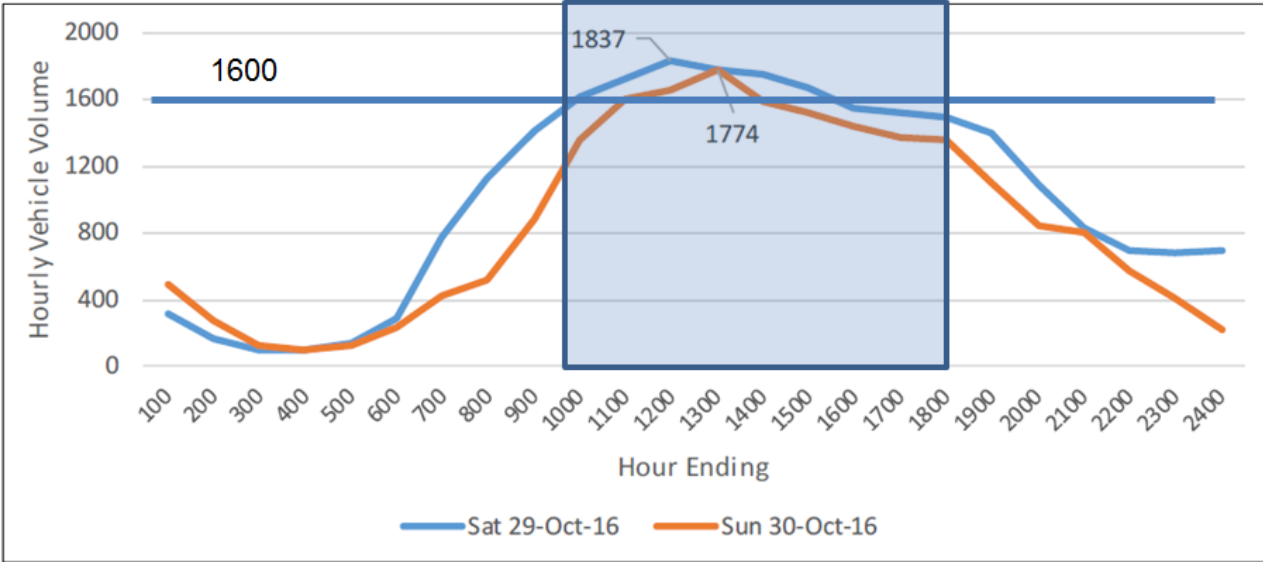
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requiring further investigation for possible extended weekday and weekend clearways</li> <li>• being a suburban bus route in 'Sydney's Bus Future', and</li> <li>• being a freight transport corridor in the NSW Freight and Port Strategy.</li> </ul> <p>This means, King Georges Road plays a vital role in Sydney's transport network, and will continue to be relied upon as an important public transport and freight route in the future.</p> <p>One of the key considerations for whether a new or extended clearway should be investigated to ease congestion on a major state road is if directional traffic flow exceeds 800 vehicles per hour per lane. Whilst King Georges Road has two lanes north of Connells Point Road and three lanes south of Connells Point Road, cars are parked in the kerbside lane. This means there are only two and one lanes open to traffic (respectively), so when the combined traffic volume exceeds 800 and 1600 vehicles respectively per hour per direction, a clearway is needed, as per Australian Standards guidelines. This Australian Standards guideline is used even when 'No Parking' or 'No Stopping' restrictions are in place as illegally parked vehicles are unable to be towed under these restrictions.</p> <p>Traffic volume data was investigated for this section of King Georges Road, looking at the number of vehicles that moved along the road in both directions across the day on both weekdays and weekends. Traffic exceeds 800 vehicles per hour in each direction during:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weekday AM and PM peaks when existing clearway and 'No Stopping' restrictions are in place.</li> <li>• during the middle of the day on weekdays</li> <li>• between 9am and 6pm on weekends.</li> </ul> <p>Traffic exceeds 1600 vehicles per hour in each direction during:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weekday AM and PM peaks when existing clearway and 'No Stopping' restrictions are in place.</li> <li>• between 9am and 6pm on weekends.</li> </ul> <p>This is referenced in the graphs below.</p>

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		 <p><b>Figure 2 - Northbound lanes between Rickard Road and William Street on weekdays (Volume shown at 7am is the volume between 6am and 7am)</b></p>

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		 <p>Figure 3 - Northbound lanes between Rickard Road and William Street on weekends (Volume shown at 10am is the volume between 9am and 10am)</p>

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		 <p>Figure 4 - Southbound lanes between Grosvenor Road and Tavistock Road on weekdays (Volume shown at 7am is the volume between 6am and 7am)</p>



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		 <p><b>Figure 5 - Southbound lanes between Grosvenor Road and Tavistock Road on weekends (Volume shown at 10am is the volume between 9am and 10am)</b></p> <p>The investigations of traffic volumes and travel times have been used to determine the introduction of new daytime weekend clearways along the entire corridor and extended weekday clearways between Stoney Creek Road and Connells Point Road.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weekday morning (6am – 10am)</li> <li>• middle of weekday (10am – 3pm)</li> <li>• weekday afternoon (3pm–7pm)</li> <li>• weekend / public holiday short day (9am – 6pm)</li> <li>• weekend / public holiday long day (8am – 8pm)</li> <li>• 24 hours across seven days (At All Times)</li> </ul>

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<b>Business customer parking and impact</b>	Allow 15 minute parking on King Georges Road on weekends near business south of Tavistock Road.	Investigations of traffic volumes and travel times have been used to determine the introduction of new daytime weekend clearways along the entire corridor and extended weekday clearways between Stoney Creek Road and Connells Point Road.
	Customers will continue to other businesses if they can't park on King Georges Road.	This will assist in easing congestion and improving travel times and safety for road users.
	Clearways will decrease business visibility of business near Tavistock Road and Blakesley Road.	In October 2016, Roads and Maritime investigated business customer parking along King Georges Road to identify alternate business parking arrangements to accommodate for the removal of from King Georges Road. The study assessed the usage and duration of business parking on this section of King Georges Road and available parking in nearby side streets. Our parking study indicates that the proposed three '1/2P' timed parking spaces in Blakesley Road will provide sufficient capacity and be accessible to customers visiting businesses near Tavistock Road and Blakesley Road on weekends and public holidays during clearway hours. We will continue to work with Georges River Council to implement the proposed alternate business customer parking (subject to council approval).
	One business in Blakehurst does not have room to turn vehicles around on their property, so using onsite parking requires backing in or out, which is a safety concern.	Removal of parked cars on the kerbside lane during the proposed clearway hours would improve sight lines for vehicles exiting driveways and vehicles travelling along the kerbside lane.  Allowing use of all lanes on King Georges Road at intersections should allow more vehicles to cross during each traffic signal cycle. The use of all lanes should result in more "platooning" where groups of vehicles travel in bunches or platoons (i.e. groups of vehicles) 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.
	Implement kerbside indented parking southbound on King Georges Road in front of Blakehurst shops near the Princes Highway.	In the Blakehurst area:
	There is no alternate parking within walking distance of Blakehurst shops.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the changes proposed would only impact weekend parking in this section of King Georges Road. The weekday parking arrangements would remain unchanged.</li> <li>investigations showed that parking is available in nearby side streets.</li> </ul>

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	Small business sites in Blakehurst can't accommodate additional parking needs.	
	Shops have no rear access from Heath Road.	
	No consideration has been made for businesses in Blakehurst.	
	Weekend clearways will impact Blakehurst businesses that rely on Saturday trading.	
	No consideration has been made for Connells Point businesses.	<p>To offset the 15 parking spaces removed from King Georges Road near Connells Point Road as part of the new weekend clearways, Roads and Maritime proposed to adjust 16 parking spaces in nearby side streets to timed parking (subject to council approval).</p> <p>A traffic study considered information on the parking on King Georges Road near the Connells Points shops and identified that 71% of vehicles that parked on King Georges Road stayed for less than 15 minutes with 16% parked between 15 and 30 minutes.</p> <p>The study indicates that the proposed alternate business parking (subject to council approval), which would provide seven '1P' parking spaces on Allen Street near the shops as well as nine '1/2P' parking spaces in the Allen Street car park and Short Street, will have sufficient capacity and be accessible to customers visiting businesses on weekends and public holidays, while taking into account the existing timed restrictions already in place.</p> <p>We will continue to work with Georges River Council to implement the proposed alternate business customer parking.</p>
	The proposed seven timed spaces have to service 13 businesses.	
	Side streets where proposed offset parking is proposed for Connells Point shops are already full.	
	Increase the proposed timed parking in Short Street to 1P, to allow additional walking time for elderly.	
<b>Resident</b>	Council isn't enforcing parking restrictions on Allen Street.	<p>We encourage members of the public to report parking offences on the local streets to Georges River Council.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime will bring this matter to Council's attention.</p>
	There's no consideration for residents.	The primary purpose of a state road such King Georges Road is to efficiently and safely move

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parking	No room for additional parking on residential properties.	<p>people and goods across Sydney.</p> <p>The corridor passes through residential areas. Any parking currently permitted on the state road is not specifically allocated to businesses or residents. We understand that the new clearway hours will change parking conditions in front of residential properties, which will cause some inconvenience for residents and visitors.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Following the installation of the new clearway hours, vehicles would need to be parked on private properties or in local streets.</p>
Safety	Grosvenor Road and Tavistock Road are narrow. Increase in side street traffic is a safety concern.	<p>A review of the crash history for Grosvenor Road and Tavistock Road in the five-year period from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017, shows that there were no reported crashes in these streets.</p> <p>We acknowledge that some side streets in the area are narrow and care needs to be taken when travelling and parking on these local streets. However, it is a function of local roads to provide local amenity, such as parking. Local streets in the area are under the care of control of Georges River Council. Any consideration for parking or road changes on these streets should be directed to Council for their consideration.</p>
	The intersection of Blakesley Road and King Georges Road is unsafe.	<p>A review of the crash history for the intersection of King Georges Road and Blakesley Road in the five-year period from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017, shows that there were no reported crashes.</p> <p>Removal of parked cars on the kerbside lane during the proposed clearway hours would improve sight lines for vehicles exiting side streets, driveways and vehicles travelling along the kerbside lane and assist in reducing the risk of crashes.</p> <p>Allowing use of all lanes on King Georges Road should improve the efficiency through existing signalised 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 (i.e. groups of vehicles) at similar speeds with larger gaps between each platoon.</p> <p>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</p>

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		roads are not operating efficiently.
<b>Out of scope</b>	Put in a pedestrian crossing on King Georges Road near Walton Street.	<p>There are no current plans to provide a pedestrian crossing at this location. The nearest crossing to Walton Street is about 170 metres south at the intersection of Phillip Street and King Georges Road.</p> <p>Irrespective of whether or not clearways are in place, pedestrians need to cross in a safe manner. While it might add time to your journey, Roads and Maritime strongly encourages pedestrians to use the nearest traffic lights, to safely cross King Georges Road.</p>
	Speeding is an issue on King Georges Road. There should be more monitoring by police.	NSW Police is responsible for monitoring the road network to ensure users comply with all road rules and regulations. We encourage members of the public to report speeding, dangerous driving or unsafe behaviour on the road network to the police.
	Cars entering Metro petrol station on King Georges Road cut across neighbouring driveway, which is a safety concern.	The orientation and location of private driveways is a matter for consideration by the property owners and Georges River Council. We have referred the issue to Council for their consideration.
	There is a DA for new development on Allen Street.	<p>The development on Allen Street is planned to retain the 10 public parking spaces in the Allen Street car park.</p> <p>The impacts of construction (including parking availability for local businesses) would need to be assessed by Council as part of the review of the development.</p>
	Better traffic lights control at intersection of Princes Highway and King Georges Road will facilitate better traffic flow and remove need for clearways.	Changes to this intersection are not part of this project. However, clearway restrictions enable all approach lanes of an intersection to be fully utilised. This is expected to increase the efficiency of the intersection by maximising the number of vehicles through the intersection.
	Put in additional loading zones on Heath Road near Lance Avenue.	Any request for a new loading zone on Heath Road would need to be considered by Council. This request has been referred to Council for consideration.

**Table 5 - Feedback received via social media**

Category	Matter raised	Roads and Maritime's feedback
Clearway hours	King Georges Road is very busy all day and clearways is needed.	Investigations of traffic volumes and travel times have been used to determine the introduction of new daytime weekend clearways along the entire corridor and extended weekday clearways between Stoney Creek Road and Connells Point Road.  This will assist in easing congestion and improving travel times and safety for road users.
Congestion	Introduce no right turn all along King Georges Road from Roselands to Forest Road.	While this suggestion is out of scope for this particular project, we have referred this to the Pinch Points team for their consideration.
Other clearway proposals	Wiley Park is the biggest pinch point on King Georges Road. A clearway is needed (both ways) on weekdays and weekends.	The Sydney Clearways Strategy has identified over 1000 kilometres of new and extended clearways across Sydney and these are being investigated by Roads and Maritime. For more information about recently installed clearways, the ones that are currently under consideration and the Sydney Clearways Strategy please visit <a href="https://rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways">rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways</a> .  Roads and Maritime Services is installing new weekend and extended weekday clearways on Roberts Road and King Georges Road between the Hume Highway, Greenacre and the M5 Motorway, Beverly Hills including the section of King Georges Road through Wiley Park.  The new clearway hours on King Georges Road through Wiley Park (in both directions) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6am-7pm on weekdays</li><li>• 9am-6pm on weekends and public holidays.</li></ul> The new and extended clearways through Wiley Park are expected to be operational on Monday 19 March 2018.
	Implement 24x7 clearway along Wiley Park	
	Extend clearway all the way from Blakehurst to Punchbowl Road	
	The clearway should be extended to Enfield/Chullora.	
	Make all major Roads 24/7 no stopping or parking, so traffic can flow smoothly	

Another eight responses were received that were considered out of scope for this project.

## Decision

We thank everyone who considered the proposal and provided comments during the engagement period.

Based on the feedback from the community, Roads and Maritime will continue to work with Georges River Council to deliver the proposed alternate business customer parking on the side streets (subject to council approval) before the new and extended clearways are introduced.

Roads and Maritime is planning to install the new weekend clearways and extended weekday clearways in the coming months. We will continue to keep the community and stakeholders informed as the project progresses.

# Appendices

## Appendix A – Project Update



# New and extended clearways on King Georges Road

Between Stoney Creek Road, Beverly Hills and Princes Highway, Blakehurst

Project Update | November 2017

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

## New and extended clearways

Roads and Maritime Services is extending the existing weekday clearway hours and introducing new weekend clearways on King Georges Road from Stoney Creek Road, Beverly Hills to Princes Highway, Blakehurst.

The new and extended clearways hours are shown below and on the map (overleaf).

Stoney Creek Road to Connells Point Road	Current clearways	New clearways
Weekdays	6am to 10am 3pm to 7pm (both directions)	<b>6am to 7pm (both directions)</b>
Weekends and Public Holidays	No clearways	<b>9am to 6pm (both directions)</b>

Connells Point Road to Princes Highway	Current clearways	New clearways
Weekdays	6am to 10am 3pm to 7pm (both directions)	<b>No changes</b>
Weekends and Public Holidays	No clearways	<b>9am to 6pm (both directions)</b>

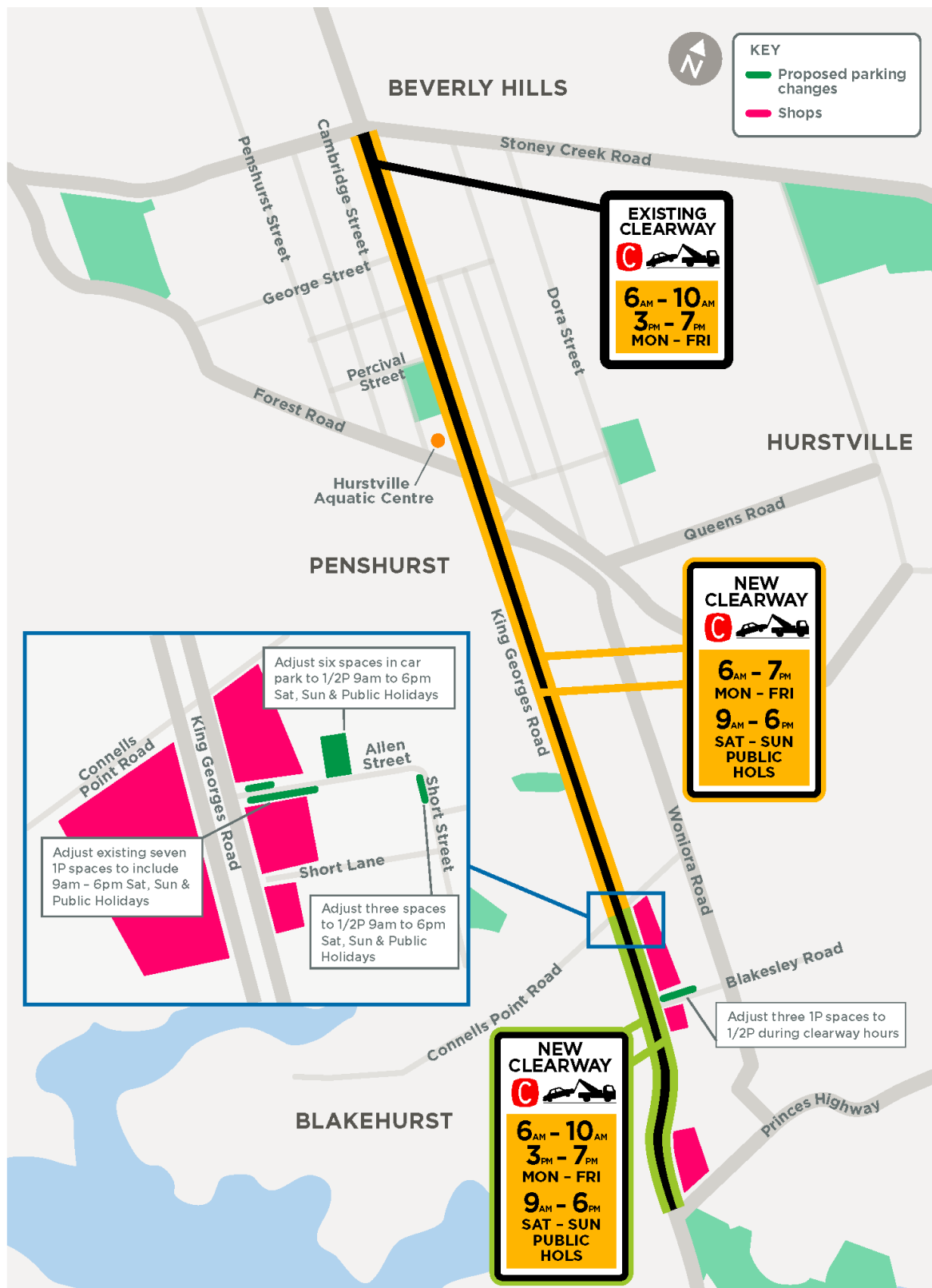
There will be no changes to existing parking restrictions outside the new clearway hours.



Congestion on King Georges Road



## Location of clearways and alternate parking on King Georges Road, Beverly Hills to Blakehurst



Roads and Maritime Services

## Alternate business customer parking arrangements

Roads and Maritime investigated business customer parking along King Georges Road and has identified alternate customer parking is available in side streets to offset the parking spaces that will be removed by the clearways on King Georges Road.

We are asking for your feedback on the proposed alternate business parking arrangements (subject to council approval), which could include introducing additional timed parking during weekend clearway hours on:

- Allen Street – seven '1P' parking spaces
- The Allen Street car park – six '1/2P' parking spaces
- Short Street – three '1/2P' parking spaces
- Blakesley Road – three '1/2P' parking spaces.

Roads and Maritime is working with Georges River Council to consider these options. The map shows both the clearways and the proposed alternate business customer parking arrangements. Please send your comments on the proposed parking arrangements to [clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au) or call **1300 706 232** by **Friday 15 December**.

## What is a clearway?

A clearway is a section of road where stopping and parking is not allowed during the times shown on the clearway sign. Clearways are put on key arterial roads where traffic is often heavy and congested.

They help keep vehicles moving by making all lanes available to motorists. The only exception is buses and taxis stopping to drop off or pick up passengers as well as emergency vehicles.

If you park in a clearway during the clearway hours you risk being fined and your vehicle can be towed.

## Key benefits

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
- has an immediate positive impact on traffic flow as it uses existing road space for the movement of vehicles.

## As a resident, what does this mean to me?

The new and extended clearway hours will change parking conditions in front of residential and business properties along King Georges Road. We understand this may cause some inconvenience.

If you currently live on this section of King Georges Road, you will need to reconsider where you park during the new clearway hours. If you do not have a driveway, garage or carport on your property, nearby local streets are available for you to park during the clearway hours subject to any council parking restrictions. Outside the clearway hours, existing parking restrictions will remain in place on King Georges Road.

As clearways continue to be rolled out across Sydney, you, your family and friends will experience more efficient, safer, and more reliable journey times. This means less time in the car, and more time doing the things you enjoy.

## I shop and visit places on King Georges Road, what should I do?

If you currently shop, visit places or work along this section of King Georges Road, we understand it is important to park nearby.

We are currently working with Georges River Council to provide additional timed on-street parking (subject to council approval) for customers on Allen Street, Short Street and Blakesley Road, as well as in the Allen Street car park.

The proposed alternate business customer parking is shown on the map with the clearways.

## Talk to the clearways project team

The Clearways project team will be available to discuss the new and extended clearway hours and the proposed alternate business parking on **Tuesday 5 December** at the Hurstville Aquatic Centre from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

The centre is located at the corner of King Georges Road and Forest Road, Hurstville (see map for location). We invite you to come and speak to us about how the changes will affect you.

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New and extended clearways on King Georges Road, Beverly Hills to Blakehurst

## What happens next?

We invite your feedback on the alternate business parking arrangements by **Friday 15 December**. Please send your comments to [clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au) or call **1300 706 232**.

We will consider your feedback on the proposed alternate business parking arrangements and continue to update you as the project progresses.

## Background

The NSW Government announced the Sydney Clearways Strategy as one of its key initiatives to reduce congestion on Sydney's major roads. \$121 million was committed to implementing the strategy and installing new clearways on Sydney's road network.

Installing new and extended clearways on weekdays and weekends can help reduce congestion in many areas of Sydney by allowing motorists to use all traffic lanes.

Since 2013, we have installed over 230 kilometres of new and extended clearways across some of Sydney's busiest road corridors. We are continuing to investigate where new and extended clearways would help ease congestion and provide more reliable travel times for road users across the network. For further information please visit our website [rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways).

## Other work in your area

Roads and Maritime is working to deliver improvements, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow in your area. Other projects include:

### Intersection improvements at the Princes Highway, King Georges Road and Stuart Street, Blakehurst

As part of its \$300 million Gateway to the South Pinch Point Program we invited feedback in October on a proposal to close access out of Stuart Street onto the Princes Highway and King

Georges Road to ease congestion and improve journey reliability.

For more information please contact the project team on **1800 572 004** or [pinchpoints@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pinchpoints@rms.nsw.gov.au).

### New and extended clearways on Roberts Road and King Georges Road, Greenacre to Beverly Hills

We consulted on new and extended clearways and alternate parking arrangements on Roberts Road and King Georges Road from the Hume Highway, Greenacre to the M5 Motorway, Beverly Hills in November and December 2016.

After considering all responses, along with the proposal's aim and design requirements, we will move forward with our proposal, with clearways to operate on King Georges Road from 6am to 7pm weekdays and 9am to 6pm weekends and public holidays.

Parking changes on The Boulevarde and Lakemba Street at Wiley Park are expected to be complete by April 2018. Following the parking changes the new and extended clearways will be installed on Roberts Road and King Georges Road.

## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information on the King Georges Road changes please contact our project team:

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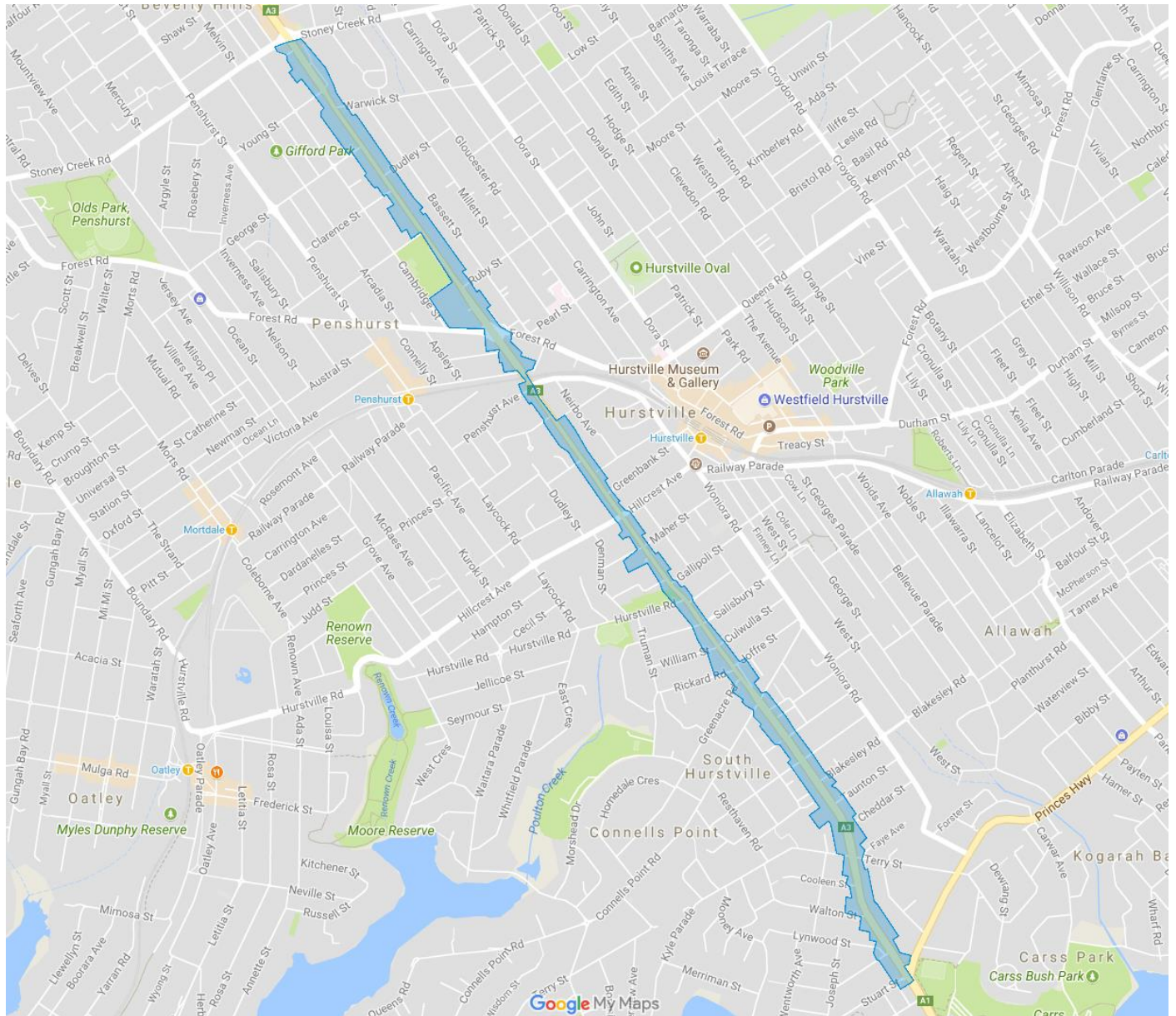
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## Appendix B – Distribution Area





## Appendix C – Social Media Post



Snapshot on Tuesday 30 January 2018 at 9:54am

Reactions:

- Like: 148
- Angry: 5
- Wow: 3

Source:

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