Sydney Clearways Strategy – Keeping Sydney Moving

Mona Vale Road – Pymble to St Ives

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 Mona Vale Road, from Pacific Highway, Pymble, to Kitchener Street, St Ives, as a priority project for the introduction of a clearway to manage congestion. Before changes are made, we want your feedback on this proposal.

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

Background

Mona Vale Road is an important urban arterial road, linking Pacific Highway and the northern beaches through the Ku-ring-gai, Warringah and Pittwater council areas. It is also identified as an important bus route in Sydney’s Bus Future*. It is a commuter route and is important for transport access. It is heavily used at weekends for access to sporting activities and the northern beaches.

We are focusing on improving the efficiency of the road network during peak times.

A critical 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, Monday to Friday from 6am to 10am.

*Sydney’s Bus Future is a NSW Government long term plan. For more information visit transport.nsw.gov.au and search ‘Sydney’s Bus Future’
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.
Preliminary investigations
Roads and Maritime is considering introducing new clearways on sections of road where:

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

Early investigations show this section of Mona Vale Road fulfils these criteria. It is estimated this proposal would affect 67 shopping strip parking spaces which are used regularly. The other affected parking spaces (about 848) along the route are rarely used as off street parking and unrestricted parking is available along side streets. Further investigations including analysis of community feedback and additional parking studies will be carried out to assess the best clearway proposal and alternative parking arrangements.

What hours of operation are proposed?
Based on initial investigations, Roads and Maritime is considering operating a clearway along Mona Vale Road in both directions on:

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

We welcome your comments on these proposed hours.

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

- Working collaboratively with Ku-ring-gai 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.


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 Mona Vale Road while minimising impacts on businesses and the community. Your suggestions will help us to determine the best way forward.

You can provide comments on the Mona Vale Road proposal or find out more by:

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

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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### Community information sessions

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