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:

- Calling 1300 706 232
- Emailing Clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au
- Writing to Clearways, Roads and Maritime Services, PO Box 973 Parramatta CBD NSW 2124
- Nominating another clearway at transport.nsw.gov.au/syndeyclearwaysstrategy
- Coming along to our drop in community information session to discuss the project with the project team.

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.

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
- Directional traffic flow exceeds 800 vehicles per lane 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 can be found, taking into account the quantity and usage of 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.
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
- Extending 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.