Clearways on Mona Vale Road
From the Pacific Highway, Pymble to Kitchener Street, St Ives

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The NSW Government is acting to reduce congestion and delays on Sydney’s roads by introducing clearways.

Mona Vale Road is a key corridor on Sydney’s road network and is used by over 50,000 motorists every day. When cars are parked in the kerbside lanes, motorists are forced to merge to two lanes of traffic. This causes delays and congestion.

We know installing clearways on roads where on-street parking obstructs the flow of traffic, can help ease congestion and improve travel times.

Over the past two years, we have been carrying out ongoing investigation work to understand the benefit the clearway could have on travel times and locating alternative parking arrangements.

Parking studies identified that the side streets and existing car parks, as they were, could accommodate the lost parking from Mona Vale Road. We identified some potential changes including adding timed parking restrictions would better cater for the parking removed from Mona Vale Road.

Subject to council agreement, we will also expand the existing council car park opposite Stanley Street.

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 this 5.2km length of 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 exception of the section of Mona Vale Road southbound between Stanley Street and Rosedale Road which will operate from 2pm to 6pm only.

This has been implemented to support the morning and lunchtime trade of local businesses on weekends.
Alternative parking arrangements

We are continuing to work with Ku-ring-gai Council to seek agreement on the improved 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 northbound between Denley Lane and Memorial Avenue from 10am to 3pm on weekdays
- 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
- Changing 12 spaces in the council car park eastern side of Mona Vale Road, and two spaces on Stanley Street to half hour parking (subject to council agreement).

Background

In December 2013, the NSW Government announced the Sydney Clearways Strategy as one of its key initiatives to reduce congestion on Sydney’s roads. The NSW Government has committed $121 million to implementing the strategy and installing new clearways on Sydney’s road network.

Since 2013, we’ve installed over 100 kilometres of new clearways across some of Sydney’s busiest corridors and we are continuing to investigate new weekday and weekend clearways across the network.

The Strategy identified Mona Vale Road as a priority route for further investigation and installation of new clearways.

Community consultation

In March 2014, Roads and Maritime consulted with the community on a proposal to install clearways on Mona Vale Road in both directions between the Pacific Highway, Pymble and Kitchener Street, St Ives. The proposed hours were from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm on weekdays, and 9am to 6pm on weekends.

As a result of community and stakeholder feedback, we then revised our proposal to ensure a balance between local business parking needs and traffic flow.

In April 2015, we took this revised proposal to the community for further feedback. We have now prepared a community consultation report which summarises the matters raised and our response.

A copy of this report is available on our website or by contacting our project team on 1300 706 232 or email clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider our proposals and provide feedback.

As a result of feedback we also undertook additional investigations.

Results of additional investigation work

Preliminary investigation work showed this section of Mona Vale Road fulfilled the criteria for further investigation of 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 usage of business parking removed to extend or introduce a clearway.

Further investigations carried out in February 2016 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 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, particularly through the St Ives Shops.

Next steps

We will continue to work with Ku-ring-gai Council to seek agreement on the improved parking solutions.

We will keep the community updated as the project progresses and advise of the clearway implementation date. We intend to install the clearway by the end of the year.
New and extended clearways on Mona Vale Road

**Proposed parking changes**

- Extra 15 car spaces to be added to existing car park (subject to council agreement)
- 1P Weekdays from 10am to 3pm
- Weekends from 9am to 2pm
- Convert two spaces to half hour parking on the eastern side of Stanley Street (subject to council agreement)
- Convert 12 spaces in the 'Old School' car park to half hour parking (subject to council agreement)
- 2P from 9am to 6pm, every day (subject to council agreement)
- 2P Weekdays from 10am to 3pm

**Key**

- Northbound clearway
  - Weekdays from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm
  - Weekends from 9am to 6pm
- Southbound clearway
  - Weekdays from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm
  - Weekends from 2pm to 6pm
Location map

KEY
- New and extended clearways on Mona Vale Road
- Recently installed or extended clearways

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