



Northbound congestion on the Princes Highway, Heathcote

## HAVE YOUR SAY

# Proposed clearway changes on the Princes Highway between Jennings Road and Heathcote Road, Heathcote

May 2016

Roads and Maritime Services is seeking feedback by Monday 6 June on a proposal to extend the months of operation of the northbound clearway on the Princes Highway between Jennings Road and Heathcote Road, Heathcote.

The current clearway is in operation on Sundays and public holidays from 3pm to 7pm between October and April. We are proposing to extend this so that the clearway operates Sundays and public holidays from 3pm to 7pm, all year round.



**KEY**

- Proposed clearway  
Sundays and Public Holidays  
3pm–7pm
- Existing clearway  
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## Alternative parking arrangements

The proposal would impact 26 business parking spaces and a loading zone along the Princes Highway between Oliver Street and Veno Street. Unrestricted parking in front of residential properties would also be impacted.

A study of current parking use and alternative parking options found sufficient alternative business parking is available in nearby side streets and in the existing carparks. It also found that all residential properties potentially impacted by the proposal have driveways or off-street parking.

## Background

While the NSW Government invests in major infrastructure, it's also rolling out immediate measures to reduce congestion and delays on Sydney's roads. We know installing and extending clearways on weekends can help reduce congestion in many areas of Sydney by allowing motorists to use all traffic lanes.

Roads and Maritime understands and appreciates the importance of finding a balance between reducing congestion and the needs of road users, local businesses and people accessing services.

The Princes Highway is an important traffic route connecting the Illawarra Region and the South Coast of NSW with Sydney. This corridor has very large volumes of traffic on Sunday afternoons as motorists travel northbound towards Sydney.

It is recognised as an important freight route and provides access to major roads such as Heathcote Road.

Following community consultation in 2009 and 2010, Roads and Maritime installed a clearway in March 2011 on the Princes Highway between Jennings Road and Heathcote Road. The clearway operates northbound on Sundays and Public Holidays between 3pm and 7pm, October through April.

This section of road currently experiences congestion on Sunday afternoons throughout the year and the proposed extension will help to ease congestion by making sure all traffic lanes are available for motorists.



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## Investigations for new clearways

The Sydney Clearway Strategy has identified the Princes Highway for investigation of extended weekend clearway operating hours. Roads were identified in the strategy for further investigation where:

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

**You can nominate a new clearway at: [saferroadsnsw.com.au/clearways](http://saferroadsnsw.com.au/clearways)**

## Have your say

Roads and Maritime welcomes your comments on our proposal by Monday 6 June. You can provide your comments by:

**Calling** 1300 706 232

**Emailing** [clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au)

**Writing** to Clearways, Roads and Maritime, PO Box 973 Parramatta NSW 2124

## Next steps

We will consider all feedback received before deciding whether to proceed with the proposal. A community consultation report will be prepared summarising the matters raised and will be made available on our website.

We will keep you updated as the proposal progresses.

## Contact us

For more information about the project visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au)

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