



Rest area parking restrictions trial frequently asked questions

Transport for NSW aims to reduce fatigue-related crashes by developing a network of well-placed rest areas across NSW. Rest areas provide opportunities for all road users to take rest breaks in order to help them manage their fatigue

We are carrying out a trial of parking restrictions in two rest areas on the Pacific Highway in Northern NSW. The trial is in response to an increase in the number of light and recreational vehicles parking in the spaces designated for heavy vehicles.

The trial is being conducted in Yelgun and Arrawarra rest areas. The trial consists of four hour parking restrictions for light and recreational vehicles in the general parking areas. No parking in heavy vehicle spaces for vehicles under 12 tonnes, that is, light and recreational vehicles.

What are the parking restrictions being trialled?

A number of rest areas have designated heavy vehicle spaces. In Yelgun and Arrawarra rest areas, these spaces will be restricted for use to vehicles over 12 tonne. Penalties will apply for vehicles found parking in these spaces which are under this specification. The current penalty is \$114.

In the general vehicle parking spaces a four hour parking limit will be trialled. Four hours allows drivers to take a break if they are fatigued. The two trial rest areas are in close proximity to a number of longer term accommodation options and towns which allow drivers to take longer rest breaks if required.

Where are the trial rest areas?

The two trial rest areas are;

- Yelgun rest area on the Pacific Highway approximately eight kilometres north of Brunswick Heads in Northern NSW, and
- Arrawarra rest area on the Pacific Highway approximately 30 kilometres north of Coffs Harbour in Northern NSW.

Both rest areas are increasingly being used by travellers for overnight and longer term stays, reducing the available parking space for other travellers to manage their fatigue.

Significantly, recreational vehicles often park in heavy vehicle allocated parking, reducing access for heavy vehicles that are required to take mandatory rest breaks.

Why do we need a parking restrictions trial in rest areas?

Driver fatigue is one of the top three contributors to fatal crashes on NSW roads and rest areas are designed to accommodate parking by light, recreational and heavy vehicles to take breaks and rest.

Some rest areas, particularly on the East Coast of NSW, have become a popular overnight and longer stay option for recreational vehicles. This is causing overcrowding and reducing space for heavy vehicle drivers who have a legal obligation to rest.

Rest areas are not designed for long stays. A four hour stopping time limit for light and recreational vehicles allows time for customers to rest on their journey.

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Why are there designated heavy vehicle parking spaces?

Roads are a heavy vehicle driver's workplace and rest areas are important facilities for heavy vehicle drivers who often have difficulty entering towns to find accommodation or are restricted from entering towns due to the goods they carry.

Refrigerated heavy vehicle drivers also have the added complication of having to run the vehicle while they take a rest break to ensure the freight they are transporting remains cool. This can be noisy and is not appropriate in a residential area, therefore rest areas near a highway is their best option for a break.

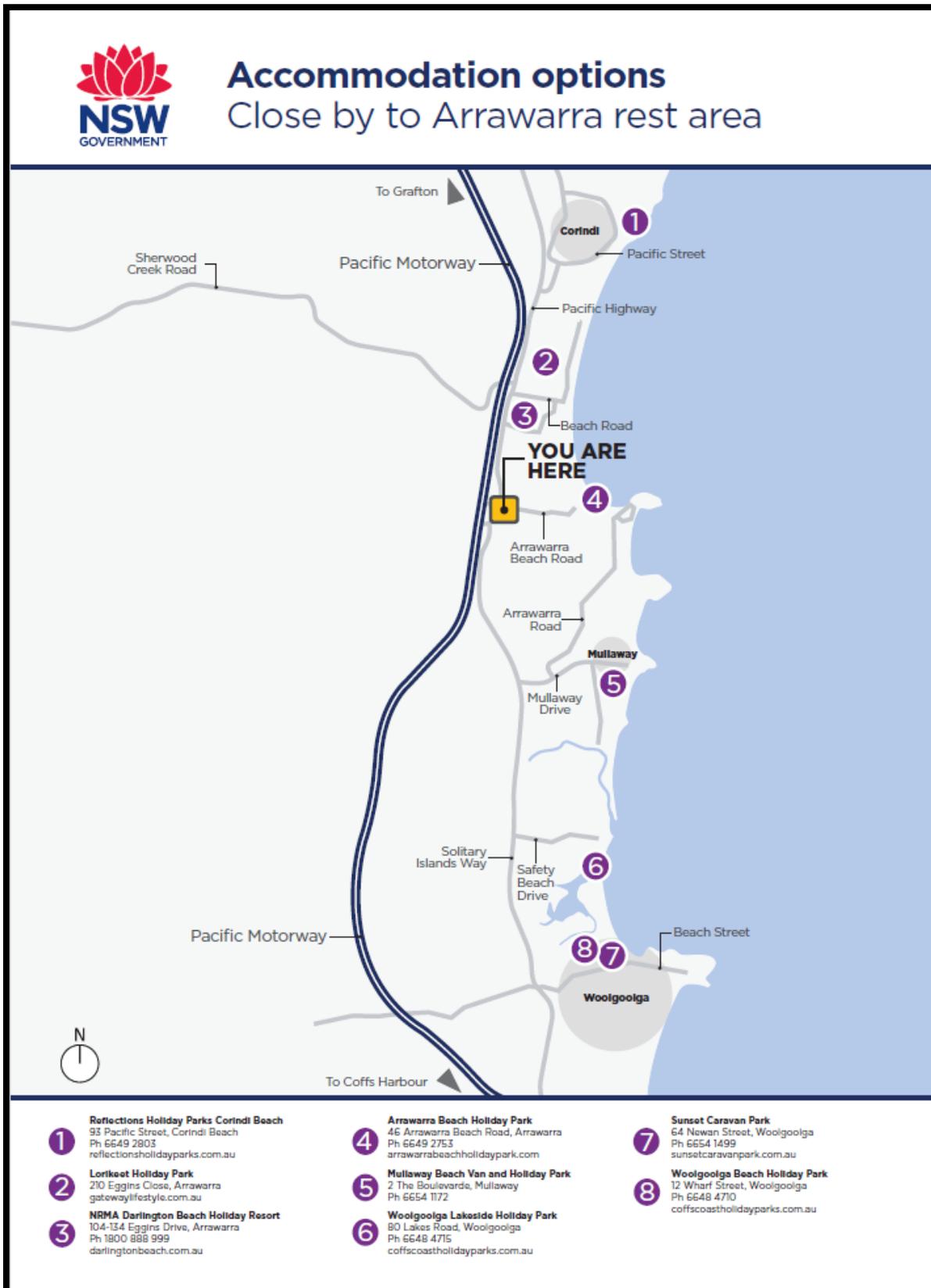
It is important that adequate space is available in rest areas for heavy vehicles so drivers can take rest breaks and manage fatigue. Crashes involving heavy vehicles are often serious because of their size and weight. Therefore allowing heavy vehicle drivers to manage their fatigue is paramount.

Why can't I park in a rest area for longer than four hours?

Rest areas are a shared facility and to accommodate all road uses we need to balance everyone's needs for fatigue management. Rest areas are in place for customers to take a break on their journey and for heavy vehicle drivers to take their mandatory rest breaks.

We encourage light and recreational vehicles staying in the area for longer to access the services of nearby towns away from the highway. This not only contributes to the local economy but also offers higher quality facilities, and exposure to local tourist attractions. There are also a range of camping options in regional towns catering to all budgets.

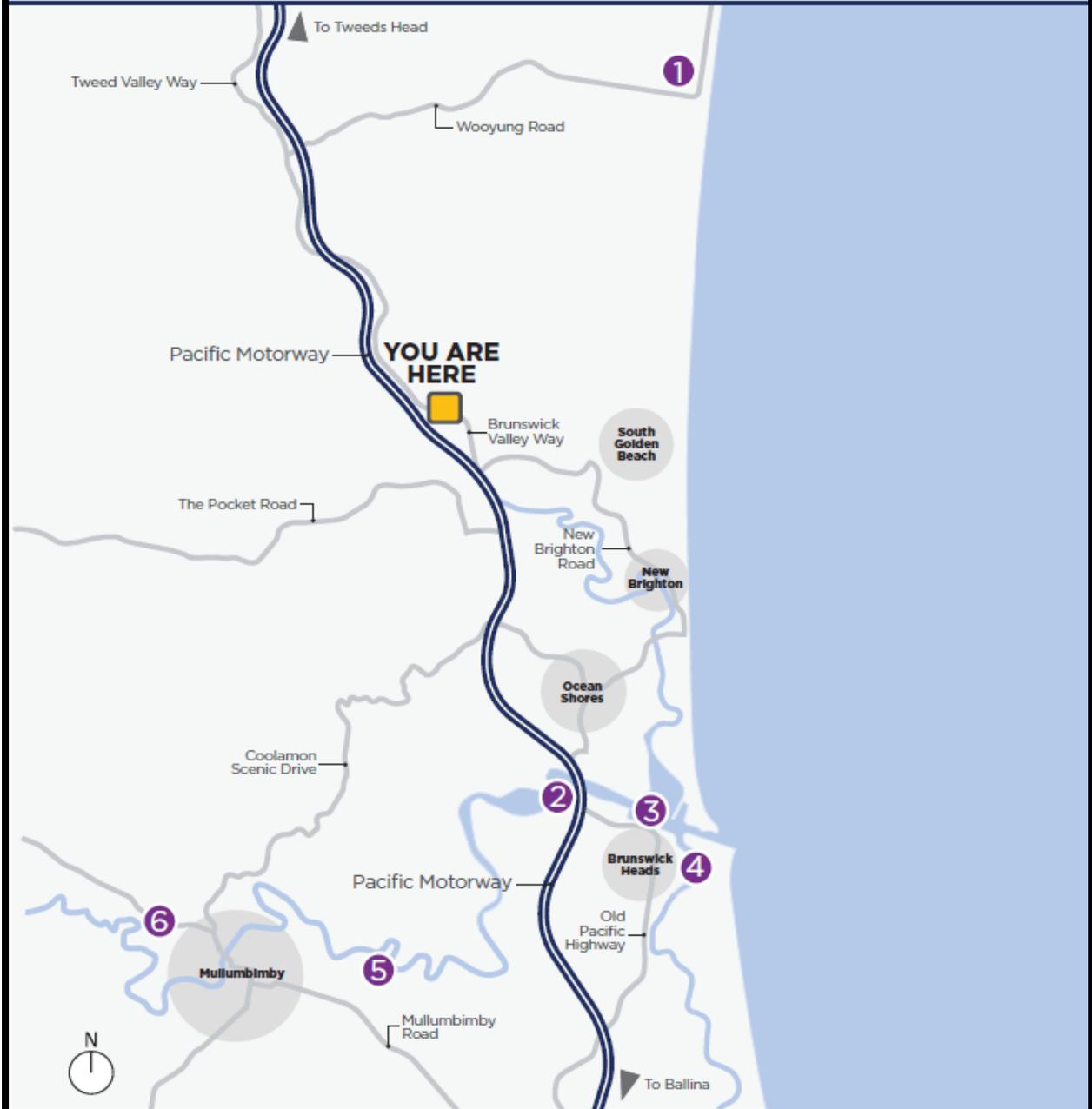
Where can I find alternative accommodation near the trial rest area sites?





Accommodation options

Close by to Yelgun rest area



1 **Wooyung Beach Holiday Park**
515 Wooyung Road, Wooyung
Ph 6677 1300
wooyungbeach.com.au

2 **Reflections Holiday Parks Ferry Reserve**
Riverside Crescent, Brunswick Heads
Ph 6685 1872
reflectionsholidayparks.com.au

3 **Reflections Holiday Parks Massy Greens**
2 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads
Ph 6685 1329
reflectionsholidayparks.com.au

4 **Reflections Holiday Parks Terraco Reserve**
Fingal Street Brunswick Heads
Ph 6685 1233
reflectionsholidayparks.com.au

5 **Mullumbimby Rugby League Football Club
Golf Course and Caravan Park**
25 Manns Road, Mullumbimby
Ph 0405 198 866
mclub.com.au

6 **Mullumbimby Showground**
62 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby
Ph 0474 100 189
mullumbimbyshowgrounds.org.au