New clearways on Great Western Highway between the M7 Motorway, Eastern Creek and Reservoir Road, Blacktown

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The NSW Government is funding this project as part of its program to reduce congestion and delays on Sydney’s roads.

Roads and Maritime Services is working to reduce congestion and improve travel times on the Great Western Highway and will be installing new clearways between the M7 Motorway, Eastern Creek and Reservoir Road, Blacktown.

Clearways help improve journey times by making an additional lane available to traffic during clearway hours, allowing drivers to get to their destination sooner. They have an immediate positive impact on traffic flow as existing road space is used for the movement of vehicles. Maximising road space for traffic movement improves the efficiency of intersections along the corridor as all lanes are used.

The new clearways will improve the journey times for over 35,000 motorists travelling on this corridor each weekday which means less time in traffic and more time doing the things you enjoy.

We have included a map to show the clearway hours and location of the new clearways. The new clearways will be operational from Monday 27 August.

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Parking restrictions and transit lane

The new clearways will replace the existing ‘No Stopping’ and ‘No Parking’ restrictions during clearway hours.

The Transit lane between Bungarribee Creek and Reservoir Road will continue to apply in an eastbound direction during morning and afternoon peak times on weekdays.

What happens next?

The new clearway signs and posts will be installed between Saturday 18 August and Sunday 26 August, weather permitting. Our working hours will be between 8pm and 5am from Monday to Sunday.

What is a clearway?

A clearway is a section of road where stopping and parking is not allowed during the times shown on the clearway sign. Clearways are put on key arterial roads where traffic is often heavy and congested. They help keep vehicles moving by making all lanes available to motorists. The only exception is the stopping of buses and taxis dropping off or picking up passengers as well as emergency vehicles.

The new clearways will help to improve traffic flow and reduce delays by allowing us to tow vehicles that stop illegally or break down. This will ensure all lanes are available to traffic when the roads are near capacity. Any vehicles parked in a clearway will risk being fined and towed.

To report a vehicle parked in a clearway or if your vehicle has been towed from a clearway, please call the Transport Management Centre on 131 700.

Other Projects

If you would like more information about the Pinch Point Project on Great Western Highway at Doonside Road, please call 1800 332 660 or visit our website: rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/easing-sydneys-congestion/pinch-point-program

Background

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

Installing new and extended clearways on weekdays and weekends can help reduce congestion in many areas of Sydney by allowing motorists to use all traffic lanes.

Since 2013, we have installed over 450 kilometres of new and extended clearways across some of Sydney’s busiest road corridors. We are continuing to investigate where new and extended clearways would help ease congestion and establish more reliable travel times for motorists across the network.

For further information on the Sydney Clearways Strategy and how you can nominate a state road, please visit our website: www.rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways