



Forest Way, Frenchs Forest

HAVE YOUR SAY

Proposed new clearways on Forest Way between Wyatt Avenue/Morgan Road, Belrose and Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest

February 2017

Roads and Maritime Services is seeking your feedback by **Friday 3 March**, on a proposal to introduce new weekday and weekend clearways on Forest Way from Wyatt Avenue/Morgan Road, Belrose to Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest.

The current 'No Parking' restrictions operate northbound from 3:30pm to 6:30pm and southbound from 6:30am to 9:30am.

Why Clearways?

Traffic along Forest Way can become congested especially when the kerbside lane is blocked by parked cars. This is particularly an issue when the right lane is also blocked by vehicles turning right.

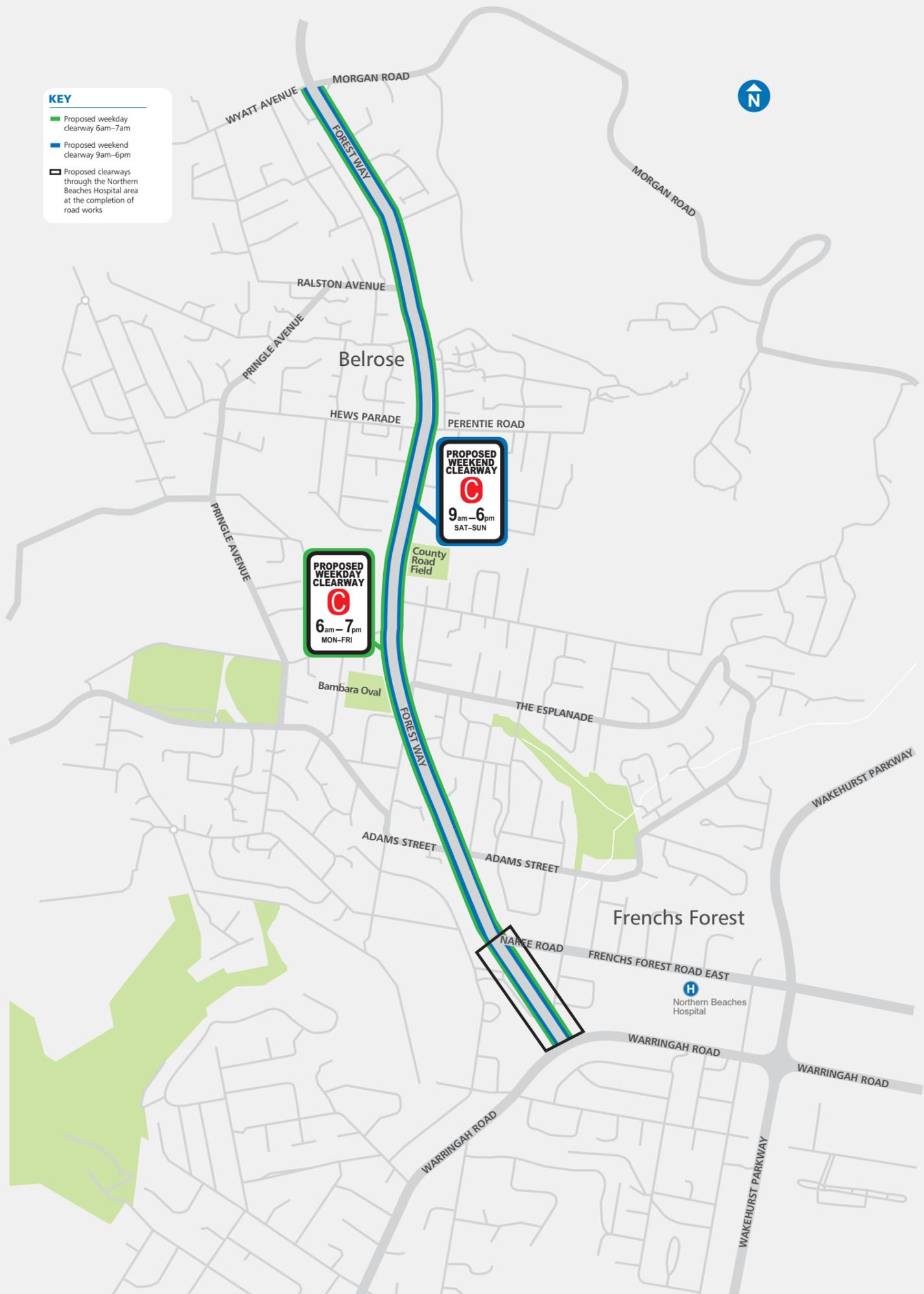
A clearway is a section of road where motorists must not stop or park during specified hours.

When cars are parked in a kerbside lane, they take up a lane which could be available to traffic.

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

Key Benefits

- Supporting the efficient movement of people and goods on Sydney's major roads
- Facilitating more reliable journey times for motorists
- Increasing road capacity when warranted without expensive investment in widening roads
- Balancing the use of kerbside lanes for motorists and for parking when clearways are not required.



What hours of operation are proposed?

Roads and Maritime is proposing to install new clearways in both directions on Forest Way between Wyatt Avenue/Morgan Road, Belrose and Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest.

- Weekdays from 6:00am to 7:00pm
- Weekends from 9:00am to 6:00pm

Please note: Changes to clearway restrictions around the Northern Beaches Hospital works would take place once roadworks is complete.

These clearway hours will be consistent with other major arterial roads in Sydney. By providing consistent hours of operation of our clearway network, it minimises the chance of confusion or a mistake by motorists.

Background

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

Since 2013, we've installed over 150 kilometres of new and extended clearways across some of Sydney's busiest road corridors and we are continuing to investigate new and extended weekday and weekend clearways across the network.

The Strategy identified Forest Way for further investigation of new and extended clearways and is recognised as an important corridor that provides access for the Frenchs Forest, Belrose and Terrey Hills communities to the new Northern Beaches Hospital, Chatswood, and Sydney CBD. It also links Mona Vale Road and Warringah Road, both major State roads.

Alternative business parking arrangements

The proposal would have a minor impact on business parking along the route, however parking in front of residential properties would be impacted.

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

Investigations for new clearways

Preliminary investigation work showed this section of Forest Way between Wyatt Avenue/Morgan Road and Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest meets the criteria for further investigation of a clearway, the criteria being:

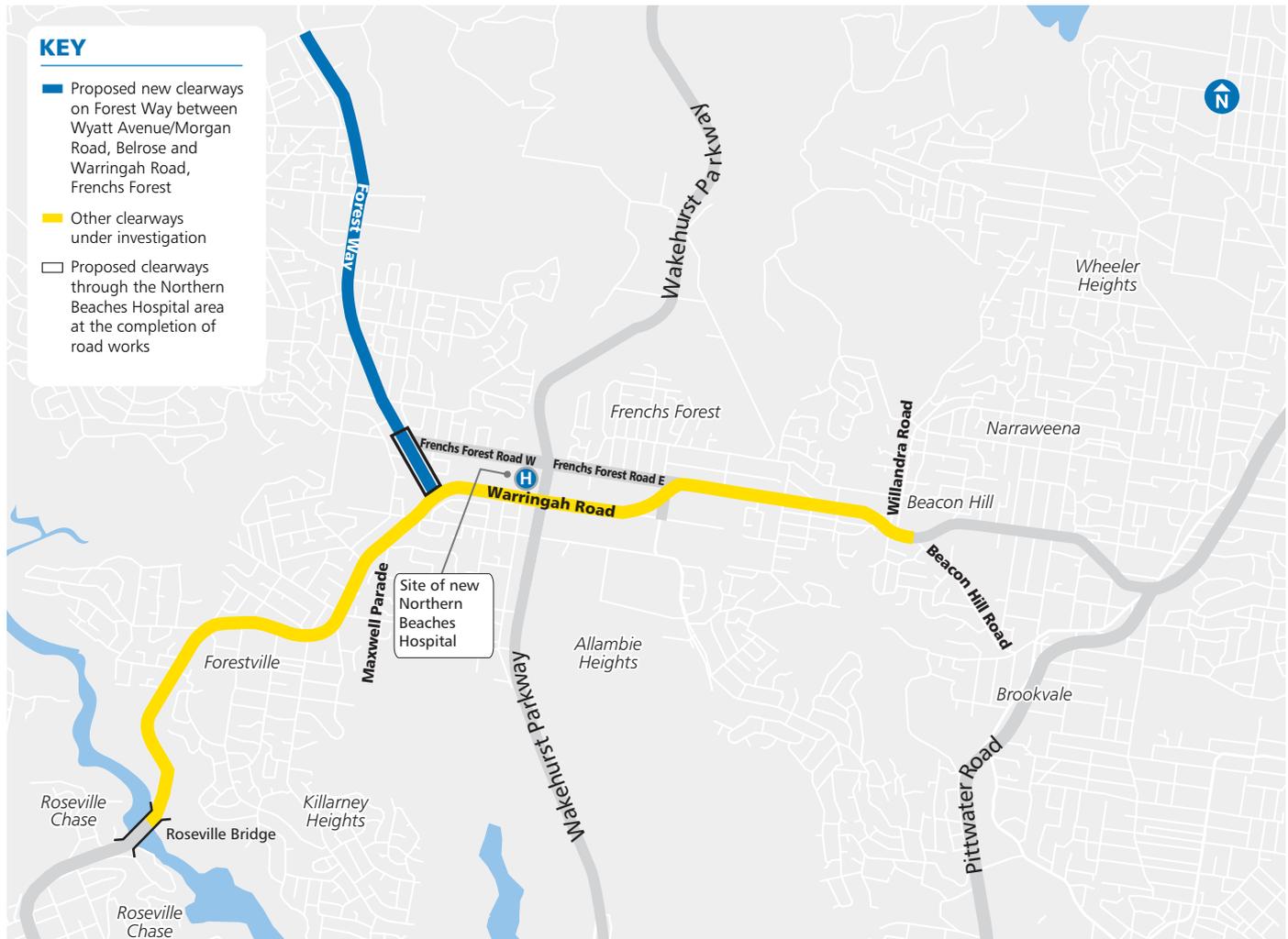
- travel speeds are less than 30km/h during peak periods
- traffic flow is more than 800 vehicles per flow lane, per hour during peak periods
- the road is an important public transport and/or freight route for moving people and goods
- alternative parking can be found close to local businesses.

Traffic conditions on Forest Way north of Wyatt Avenue/Morgan Road, Belrose, do not currently warrant extended clearway conditions and are not part of this proposal.



Forest Way and Naree Road, Frenchs Forest

Location map



Have your say

Roads and Maritime welcomes your comments on our proposal by Friday 3 March.

You can provide your comments by:

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Next steps

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

We will keep you updated as the proposal progresses.



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