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Sydney Clearways Strategy – Keeping Sydney Moving King Georges Road and Roberts Road – Beverly Hills to Greenacre

The NSW Government is acting to reduce congestion and delays on Sydney's roads. We know installing and extending clearways on weekdays and weekends can help reduce congestion in many areas of Sydney by allowing motorists to use all traffic lanes.

The *Sydney Clearways Strategy* identifies King Georges Road and Roberts Road, from the M5 Motorway, Beverly Hills to Hume Highway, Greenacre as a priority project for the introduction of a clearway to manage congestion. Before changes are made, we want your feedback on this proposal.

Roads and Maritime Services understands and appreciates the importance of finding a balance between the reduction of congestion and the needs of road users, local business operators and people accessing services. To balance the needs of road users and local businesses, we've created a \$21 million fund to help identify alternative parking. We would like your comments by **Friday 28 March** on how clearways can be better used to reduce congestion on King Georges Road and Roberts Road while minimising impacts on businesses and the community.

Background

King Georges Road is an important urban arterial road which is part of route A3. The A3 connects the southern council areas of Kogarah, Hurstville, Bankstown, Strathfield and Ryde with the northern beaches. It provides access to major east/west roads such as the M5 Motorway, A34 Canterbury Road, A22 Hume Highway, M4 Western Motorway, M2 Motorway and the A1 Pacific Highway. It is also identified as an important bus route in *Sydney's Bus Future**

King Georges Road is mainly a six lane divided road. An existing clearway operates on both sides of the road during the morning and afternoon peak periods, Monday to Friday from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm.

Preliminary investigations

Roads and Maritime is considering introducing new clearways on sections of road where:

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

Early investigations show this section of King Georges Road and Roberts Road fulfils these criteria.

**Sydney's Bus Future* is a NSW Government long term plan. For more information visit transport.nsw.nsw.gov.au and search 'Sydney's Bus Future'

What is a clearway?



You must not stop or park on a length of road where a clearway sign applies. The drivers of public buses and taxis are permitted to stop when dropping off or picking up passengers. If your vehicle is left on a clearway it will be towed away, usually to a nearby street and fines apply.

It is estimated this proposal would affect 14 shopping strip parking spaces which are used regularly. The other affected parking spaces (about 635) along the route are rarely used as off street parking and unrestricted parking is available along side streets. Further investigations including analysis of community feedback and additional parking studies will be carried out to assess the best clearway proposal and alternative parking arrangements.

What hours of operation are proposed?

Based on initial investigations, Roads and Maritime is considering operating a clearway along King Georges Road and Roberts Road in both directions on:

- Weekdays from 6am to 7pm
- Weekends from 8am to 7pm.

We welcome your comments on these proposed hours.

Investigations and community consultation

Investigations to identify and reduce impacts on the local community including:

- Working collaboratively with local councils, including consideration of its planning strategies
- Carrying out parking surveys to determine specific locations where parking is an issue
- Finding alternative parking facilities nearby
- Looking at ways to encourage sustainable and active transport
- Considering pedestrian safety and amenity
- Consulting with the community.

See the *Sydney Clearways Strategy* transport.nsw.gov.au/sydneyclearwaysstrategy for information on extending weekday clearways and introducing weekend clearways.



Roberts Road, Greenacre.



South of Lakemba Street on King Georges Road, Wiley Park.



South of The Boulevard on King Georges Road, Wiley Park.



Roberts Road and Russell Street, Greenacre.

Have your say

Roads and Maritime welcomes your comments by **Friday 28 March** on how clearways can be better used to reduce congestion along King Georges Road and Roberts Road while minimising impacts on businesses and the community. Your suggestions will help us to determine the best way forward.

You can provide comments on the King Georges Road and Roberts Road proposal or find out more by:

- **Visiting** rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways
An interactive map is available to provide feedback at specific locations along the route
- **Calling** 1300 706 232
- **Emailing** clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au
- **Writing to** Clearways, Roads and Maritime Services, PO Box 973 Parramatta CBD NSW 2124
- **Nominate** another clearway at transport.nsw.gov.au/sydneyclearwaysstrategy
- **Coming along to one of our drop in community information sessions to discuss the project with the project team.**

Community information sessions



Saturday 15 March
9am to 11am

Tuesday 18 March
6pm to 8pm

Punchbowl Community Centre
44 Rossmore Avenue
Punchbowl NSW 2196

Next steps

Investigations will continue into the feasibility of a clearway. A community issues report will be prepared summarising all of the comments we receive. This report will be made available on the Roads and Maritime website.

Timeframes for the project will depend on the investigations to be carried out. We will keep the community informed as the project progresses.



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KEY

-  Existing weekday clearways
-  Proposed weekday clearways
-  Proposed weekend clearways
-  Shopping strip car parking spaces which would be removed if a clearway was introduced
-  Other car parking spaces which would be removed if a clearway was introduced


Currently there are no weekend clearways on this section of King Georges Road and Roberts Road.

EXISTING WEEKDAY CLEARWAY




6^{AM} – 10^{AM}
3^{PM} – 7^{PM}
MON – FRI

PROPOSED WEEKDAY CLEARWAY



6^{AM} – 7^{PM}
MON – FRI

PROPOSED WEEKEND CLEARWAY



8^{AM} – 7^{PM}
SAT – SUN



What is a shopping strip?
 A shopping strip is defined as retail shops accessed from the main road, with no customer parking on the premises.

