

# New and extended clearways on New South Head Road

Between Waratah Street/McLachlan Avenue, Rushcutters Bay and Bay Street, Double Bay

## Project Update – May 2018

The NSW Government is funding this project as part of its \$121 million Clearways Program, which aims to reduce congestion and delays on Sydney’s roads.

Roads and Maritime have received many complaints and requests to fix congestion on New South Head Road through Edgecliff, with particular frustrations around weekend delays and congestion on local roads.

Roads and Maritime Services is responding to our customers by extending and introducing new weekday and weekend clearways on Bayswater Road and New South Head Road from Rushcutters Bay to Double Bay.

The clearways will operate eastbound between Waratah Street, Rushcutters Bay and the start of the parking bay before Bay Street, Double Bay. Westbound clearways will operate between the bus stop near Henrietta Street, Double Bay and McLachlan Avenue, Rushcutters Bay. The new clearway hours are shown in the table and on the map (overleaf).

	Current clearways/T2 lane/No Parking	New clearway (existing T2 lane retained)
<b>Weekdays</b>	No Parking westbound Clearway/T2 3pm-7pm eastbound	6am-7pm (both directions)
<b>Weekends and Public Holidays</b>	No Parking westbound Parking available eastbound	9am-6pm (both directions)

There will be no changes to existing parking restrictions on Bayswater Road and New South Head Road outside the new clearways hours.



Traffic on New South Head Road

## Alternate business customer parking arrangements

Roads and Maritime investigated parking along New South Head Road and identified that the new and extended clearway hours will impact eastbound parking only.

Following these investigations, we discussed business customer parking with Woollahra Municipal Council to identify alternate business parking locations in side streets along New South Head Road, between New Beach Road and Ocean Avenue. Changes to existing unrestricted parking, timed restricted parking and loading zones were considered in:

- New Beach Road
- Oswald Street
- Mona Road
- Darling Point Lane and Darling Point Road
- Ocean Avenue
- New McLean Street
- Mahoney Lane and Reddy Street
- Glenmore Road.

Due to the impact to resident parking schemes and residential streets, these options were not progressed. Another option included construction of additional parking in Rushcutters Bay Park, which was not progressed due to impact on open space.

Following these discussions, our preferred option is to change three unrestricted spaces on New Beach Road close to New South Head Road to '2P' with the remainder of business parking being directed to the existing public carparks under the Edgecliff Centre and Eastpoint Food Fair, which can be accessed from New McLean Street.

We would like the community's feedback on this business parking proposal and your local knowledge to identify other locations where we could install alternate business parking or other options we could implement to manage business parking between New Beach Road and Ocean Avenue.

Please send your comments to [clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au) or call **1300 706 232** by **18 June 2018**.

## Key Benefits

Clearways:

- reduce congestion by making an additional lane available to traffic

- improve journey times, allowing drivers to get to their destination sooner and more reliably
- improve safety by removing parked vehicles from the kerbside lane
- has an immediate positive impact on traffic flow as it uses existing road space for the movement of vehicles

Analysis of eastbound traffic data during the afternoon weekday peak currently shows reduced journey times and improved reliability when the T2 lane is in operation, which demonstrates the benefits of removing on-street parking from this corridor.

## Double Bay

We are not making any changes east of Bay Street, Double Bay.

The existing weekday peak clearways will continue to operate on New South Head Road east of Bay Street, through the shopping area of Double Bay.

There will be no changes to existing parking through Double Bay east of Bay Street and the indented parking bay eastbound between Henrietta Street and Bay Street in Double Bay will remain unchanged

## Talk to the clearways project team

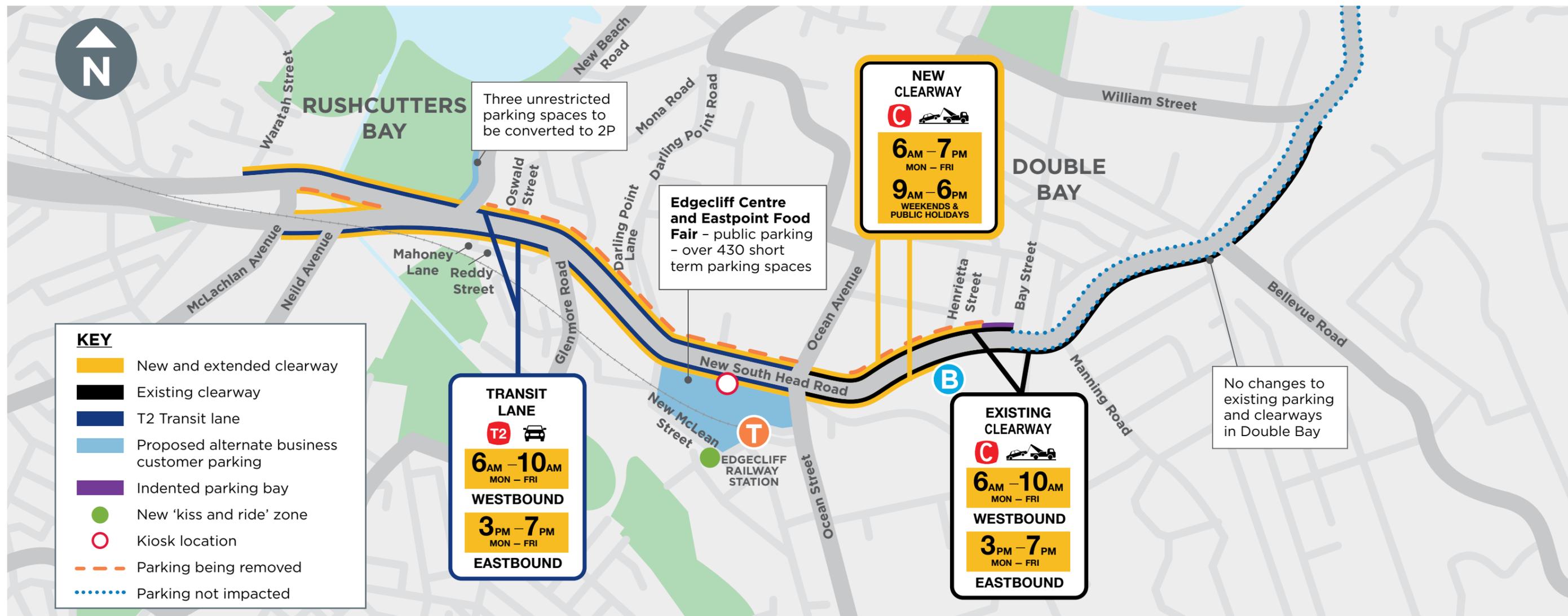
The Clearways project team will be available to discuss the new and extended clearway hours and the proposed alternate business customer parking on **Thursday 31 May from 3pm to 7pm** and **Saturday 2 June from 10am to 1pm** at the New South Head Road entrance to Edgecliff Station.

We invite you to come and speak to us about how the changes will affect you and any parking suggestions that the project team should consider.

## What happens next?

We invite your feedback on the alternate business customer parking arrangements by **18 June**. Please send your comments to [clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au) or call **1300 706 232**.

We will consider your feedback on the proposed alternate business customer parking and continue to update you as the project progresses.



## 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.

Buses and taxis are allowed to stop on a clearway to drop off or pick up passengers. Emergency vehicles are exempt from clearways restrictions.

If you park in a clearway during the clearway hours, you risk being fined and your vehicle can be towed.

## I shop and visit places on New South Head Road, what should I do?

If you currently shop, visit places or work along this section of New South Head Road, we understand it is important to park nearby.

We have investigated how the parking spaces are used on New South Head Road and found that only 20–30% of people parking on New South Head Road visit the adjacent businesses.

We are currently seeking feedback on our proposed alternate business customer parking as well as any other locations and options to manage business customer parking between New Beach Road and Ocean Avenue.

The proposed alternate business customer parking is shown on the map (overleaf).

## As a resident, what does this mean to me?

The new and investigated clearway hours will change parking conditions in front of residential properties along New South Head Road. We understand this may cause some inconvenience.

If you currently live on this section of New South Head Road, you will need to reconsider where you park during the new clearway hours. If you do not have a driveway, garage or carport on your property, nearby local streets are available for you to park during the clearway hours subject to any council parking restrictions. Outside the clearway hours, existing parking restrictions on Bayswater Road and New South Head Road will remain in place.

## 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 390 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 provide more reliable travel times for road users across the network. For further information please visit our website: [rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways).

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Traffic on New South Head Road looking east near Ocean Avenue



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