

Clearways improve travel times and smooth traffic flow, particularly where parking obstructs efficient road performance. In these cases, the needs of motorists, bus passengers and freight operators need to be balanced with those of the local communities and businesses along the road.

To help address this, the *Sydney Clearways Strategy* proposes that when parking is removed from a major road for a clearway, a similar quantity of alternative parking, based on parking demand, should be identified. The Strategy outlines a framework for considering how alternative parking will be addressed, by considering:

1. The quantity and usage of parking to be removed to introduce the clearway.
2. Local land use, such as a local shopping strip, commercial outlets or other uses.
3. Parking conditions on local side and back roads, including any restrictions.
4. Existing off-street car parks and their occupancy rates, wayfinding signage from the main road to the car park, cost of parking and any time restrictions.
5. In consultation with the local council, whether the parking removed can be accommodated through:
  - changes to the parking arrangements in adjacent streets;
  - improved signage and parking time restrictions in existing off-street parking facilities;
  - the need for new off-street parking facilities on local roads; and
  - limiting community impacts from the changes, to the extent practicable.
6. Once the council has assessed the most appropriate response, it may submit to Roads and Maritime Services a funding bid towards the cost of changes to on-street or off-street parking, or establishment of new off-street parking.
7. Roads and Maritime Services will consider each funds request taking into account:
  - the quantity and usage of parking removed from the clearway,
  - the traffic capacity and travel time benefit from removing that parking,
  - the adjacent land use,
  - that all options have been explored,
  - proposed in-kind contributions, and
  - total grant funds available for all clearways, compared to the funding request for a single location.

For more information on the parking framework, please refer to page 25 of the [Sydney Clearways Strategy](#)