



Great Western Highway - Blackheath

The Great Western Highway is the arterial corridor connecting the Greater Sydney area with the Blue Mountains, Central West and beyond. The Great Western Highway and Govetts Leap Road intersection at Blackheath is a key pinch point location, creating significant delays and queueing for customers heading out or returning to Greater Sydney. While westbound traffic queues extend from Blackheath to Hartley and beyond.

VictoriaPass

When vehicles begin to queue eastbound at Mount Victoria, a traffic management plan is put in place to prevent breakdowns on Victoria Pass. Motorists are held at Hartley, the base of Victoria Pass, to prevent traffic congestion, breakdowns, and start/stop movement up the Pass. Vehicles are then released in small groups, allowing them to travel up the Pass in one smooth movement, and preventing delays due to breakdown. [Find out more here.](#)



Australia Day 2026

Date	Potential impact*	Estimated peak period*
Glenbrook to Hartley		
Westbound		
24 January		11am - 2pm
Blackheath		
Eastbound		
26 January		1pm - 3pm
27 January		1pm - 3pm
1 February		4pm - 5pm

*These predictions, including days and times, are based on historical data and observations and may vary based on a range of factors, including unplanned incidents and cumulative impacts. There may be traffic congestion on other days. The predictions should be used as a guide only. For more detailed information about predicted delay times at this location, refer to the [pinch point journey planning tool](#).

Key to travel impacts

