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INQUIRY INTO THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IN RELATION TO MAJOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS

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A parliamentary committee has been established to inquire into the acquisition of land by Transport for NSW and related agencies in relation to major transport projects. In particular it will consider the conduct of agencies in acquiring land for the WestConnex Project, Western Sydney Airport, Parramatta Light Rail and other metropolitan rail projects. It will also consider the conduct of agencies in acquiring land for the North Wilton Estate and other land zoned as commercial that was acquired between 2015 and 2020.

The Chair of the Committee, Ms Abigail Boyd MLC said: "Following a number of property acquisitions for proposed infrastructure by the NSW Government, this inquiry will look at the processes government agencies follow to ensure that any decisions support and deliver optimal results for the community of NSW."

"More broadly, the inquiry will examine the interaction of the government planning, infrastructure and transport systems to support best practice outcomes for the community, including protecting the public against persons or interests seeking to profit from rezoning and future infrastructure projects" Ms Boyd said.

Ms Boyd added: "We want to ensure all processes in place during direct negotiations with landholders are fair, unbiased and equitable, especially during the compulsory acquisition process."

The inquiry will also look at the response of government agencies to the Russell and Pratt Reviews into the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act* 1991 and if further legislative measures are required.

Submissions are open until 2 July 2021 and can be lodged online. For information about the inquiry, including committee membership, and terms of reference, please visit the [inquiry webpage](#).

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