

Thank you for the opportunity to provide evidence to this Inquiry.

I am one of many homeowners who were willfully and fraudulently cheated out of compensation by a cruel and heartless Govt – simply to “save costs”.

with contempt,
I was treated unfairly, - and punished for appealing the unreasonable offers made by the RMS and Valuer General.

I was bullied by dodgy valuers and nasty lawyers, who dragged me through a corrupted appeals process that cost \$300,000.

I was threatened with **bankruptcy** if I appealed the corrupted decision handed down by the L&E Court Judge - who dismissed evidence, and delivered the outcome demanded by the Govt.

*AND I WAS
MY HEALTH + WELLBEING HAS SUFFERED, UNABLE TO PURCHASE A
HOME IN SYDNEY*
The Govt agencies boast having “**deep pockets**” - homeowners don’t stand a chance.

Where is the fairness – where is the justice... it’s obvious we have been wronged --- what more do you need to finally fix this “**BROKEN**” process, hold the Govt accountable – and ensure we are paid back the compensation **STOLEN** from us?

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I am in contact with many affected homeowners,
After numerous Inquiries, we don’t understand the lack of political will to address the disregard for procedural fairness afforded to landholders.

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We have provided ample evidence that clearly indicates it was the **intention** of the Govt to fraudulently cheat homeowners, evidence that points to criminal and corrupt conduct – evidence that has been ignored.

And let's not forget that,
It’s also common knowledge that Baird and Perrottet kept the Russell Review secret – and refused to implement the “**re-instatement recommendation**” --- simply to “save costs”.

X [In 2016, Jodi McKay called the acquisition process “**BROKEN**”... and Clayton Barr spoke about Govt authorities failing in their obligation to achieve “Just Terms” – “because of the behaviour and conduct of the acquiring authority who were enacting the Govt dogma – that is to “rob from the poor and give to the rich”.]

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And even as we sit here today, we know this committee will do ^{little} nothing to hold the Govt accountable, or fix the process to ensure homeowners now facing acquisition will be treated fairly – or recommend that we be paid back the compensation STOLEN from us.

You have all let the Govt get away with it --- its been betrayal after betrayal.

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Despite the overwhelming amount of evidence, to date, not one member of Parliament – even this committee, has referred this for investigation or review - or to ICAC – your silence is acceptance, that makes you complicit.

I refer committee members to the handout I have provided – particularly,

- Sect 192D of the Crimes Act – **Obtaining Financial advantage or causing financial disadvantage**
- Section 192E of the Crimes Act – **Fraud**
- and, **Section 11 of the ICAC Act 1988**, that requires a principal officer or NSW Govt minister to report suspected corrupt conduct.

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We are essentially asking that the committee recommend reforms and legislative change in the areas of transparency, accountability, and the provision of a fair hearing for landholders – and hold the Govt accountable.

We ask this committee to:

- finally fix this “BROKEN” process
- remove the fear and anxiety associated with acquisitions, and restore integrity and public confidence in the process
- restore the independence of the Valuer General and L&E Court
- ensure homeowners who will be impacted in the future are treated fairly and with dignity
- **ensure we are paid back the compensation STOLEN from us**

This is a valuation system that is in need of a paradigm shift... but more importantly, it requires members of Parliament who will stand up for the fair and Just treatment of homeowners.

In 2012, current NSW Treasurer Matt Kean Chaired THE INQUIRY INTO THE LAND VALUATION SYSTEM AND THE EIGHTH GENERAL MEETING WITH THE VALUER GENERAL

In his Foreword, Kean wrote – “This is a system that has systemic issues, particularly regarding the fairness in the way landholders are treated and the transparency surrounding how land is valued.”

“Comprehensive reform is needed in the governance of the system and the way the Valuer General and his delegates interact with landholders. “

Regarding procedural fairness, Kean goes on to say: “it is readily apparent that landholders are not currently afforded a fair hearing. A fair hearing not only increases the quality and integrity of decision making - it also ensures that people are treated with the dignity and respect to which they are entitled.”

The Committee considers the current processes associated with objection and compulsory acquisition valuations unfair and inadequate.

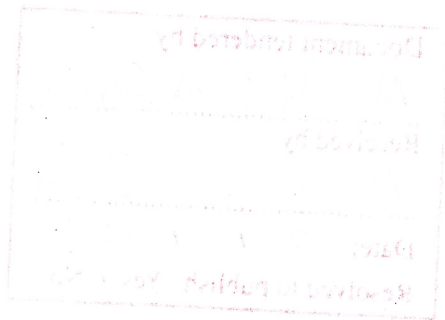
The Committee has identified significant concerns surrounding the volatility of land values, the transparency surrounding valuation methodologies, the procedural fairness currently afforded to landholders and the governance framework of the valuation system.

Likewise, what is strongly felt by many who made submissions to the Committee is a systemic failure to afford landholders a fair hearing, to provide transparency surrounding the valuation methodologies and to treat landholders with the respect, dignity and fairness, to which they are entitled, has significantly and detrimentally impacted landholders.

This is a system in need of paradigm shift, so that treating landholders fairly and respectfully is seen as a complementary, indeed a necessary, element of an effective and impartial valuation system. Accordingly, the Committee recommends a new process for objections and compulsory acquisitions that affords landholders procedural fairness; a clearer approach to valuation methodologies based on objective criteria or rules (a rules-based approach); and a new governance framework that replaces the Valuer General with a **Valuation Commission**.

Even in 2010, current Minister for Health, Brad Hazzard, then NSW Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, ran a scare campaign “**hands off our homes!**” - that he believed was “**so concerning**”.

Hazzard sought to hold then Premier Keneally and NSW Labor accountable for unfair acquisitions – and on-selling land to developers for profit, but was also noticeably absent when his own Govt did exactly the same thing.



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