

**Submission
No 74**

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

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I grew up in Wattle St, Haberfield .. in those days, a tree-lined street in a quiet Federation / heritage neighbourhood.

These days, half the houses in Wattle St have been demolished and the trees are all gone .. as are many Federation houses in adjoining streets.
Wattle St is now a cavernous entry to a tunnel to the city.

I'm aware from friends and acquaintances that many believe the process of acquisition wasn't regarded as unfair and that it caused considerable distress to many to be forced to leave family homes they grew up in.

Little regard was certainly paid to the dramatic adverse impact the roadway had in the heritage suburb.

Little regard seems to have been paid to concerns about the massive ventilation shaft constructed near Parramatta Rd .. and just a few streets from the primary school where I began my education. Surely toxic fumes can't be a healthy environment for kids beginning school.

I do understand that public works are necessarily disruptive .. and require change .. I'm not opposed to that.

I do believe that the whole project could have been more sympathetically designed to lessen the impact on Haberfield .. once known as the Garden Suburb.