

**Submission  
No 78**

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

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## **Submission Colin Charlton**

My house in St Peters was taken by RMS as part of the Westconnex project.

The rules of acquisition are not reasonable because I was forced to sell the property at less than I could purchase a new house similar in amenity and location.

I did not want to sell my house. The acquiring authority decides the price it is not decided fairly because I was forced sell.

When land is acquired by acquisition it is the buyer not the seller that determines the price. It is not by agreement.

The way the acquisition was undertaken was resulted in my suffering continuing financial and emotional damage.

Having to clean a house that was going to be demolished was a stupid waste of time and depressing.

The glossy leaflets about how great Westconnex would be, did not tell of the destruction of St Peters and the attack on people forced to sell.

I am still having personal and financial problems as a result of how I was treated by the NSW government agencies involved.

The Westconnex tollway has now been sold, the acquisition of my property and many other privately owned properties with the NSW governments power of acquisition and then sold to a private corporation is a corrupt mechanism and should not happen. Forcibly acquiring properties should be for the creation of public not private assets.

Property acquired by the government should not be on sold to a private corporation

If a property is on sold to a corporation such as Transurban the original property owners should receive a share of the profits.

If sold to a private corporation a time constraint should be put on the selling of public assets acquired by forced acquisition.

Westconnex today is causing problems such as traffic choke points, air pollution unsafe roads, excessive tolls and the continued expansion of Westconnex with the M6 and harbour tunnel is acquiring more properties. This was predicted in the thousands of submissions against its construction that were ignored, many of the minor cosmetic changes a condition of its construction have not happened.

Acquisition of land should be for public not private corporate benefit.