

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

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Dear Ms Boyd,

### **Inquiry into the acquisition of land in relation to major transport projects**

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission to the Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and Customer Service inquiry. I note that, on 15 June 2021, I provided evidence to the Committee in relation to my recently completed performance audit on Transport for NSW's acquisition of 4-6 Grand Avenue, Camellia as a stabling and maintenance facility for the Parramatta Light Rail.

This audit, which was requested on 17 November 2020 by the Minister for Transport and Roads, examined:

- whether TfNSW conducted an effective process to purchase 4–6 Grand Avenue, Camellia
- whether TfNSW has effective processes and procedures to identify and acquire property.

Of relevance to the scope of your inquiry, our audit found that Transport for NSW (TfNSW) conducted an ineffective process when it purchased 4–6 Grand Avenue, Camellia. The audit also found that at the date of reporting, TfNSW's internal policies and procedures to guide the transaction were, and continue to be, insufficient.

I attach a copy of the report for the Committee's reference.

I am alert to issues with regard to the acquisition of land by NSW Government agencies and may determine to include further topics on these matters on my forward program of audits.

Thank you again for the invitation to provide a submission to the Committee's inquiry. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information about my reports to Parliament.

Yours sincerely

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Auditor-General for New South Wales