land holder information session.

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forewarned is forearmed.

trauma of losing land.



the basics.

WHY: Construction of inland rail

transport supply chain

WHAT: The compulsory acquisition of all

or part of your properties.

WHO: Queensland Government -

Department of Transport and Main

Roads

HOW: Under the authority of the

Acquisition of Land Act 1967

who is affected?

Parties with an interest in land can include:

- landowner
- easement holder
- leaseholder
- mortgagee
- native title holder

2 ways to acquire your land.

Agreement

- Preference is to negotiation with the landowner to compulsorily acquire his or her land by agreement.
- If the landholder agrees to the resumption of their land, an agreement can be struck before or after the formal process shas begun
- If the landowner agrees to the acquisition, the amount of compensation can be finalised at a later date. However, if compensation is also agreed to, this will be included in the agreement.

Without Agreement

• If the landowner does not agree to the compulsory acquisition of their land, the statutory land acquisition process will run its course.

the formal process.

- 1. Notice of Intention to Resume (NIR)
- 2. Objections
- 3. Gazettal
- 4. Negotiation
- 5. Litigation

the NIR sets out:

- the land or easement required (lot on a plan of survey, or a map that sufficiently describes the land)
- purpose for which the land is required
- rights and obligations to be imposed by the easement (if applicable)
- right to object.

grounds for objection to the Notice of Intention to Resume.

objections.

- Landowners and other parties on whom the NIR is served have at least 30 days to object to the proposed compulsory land acquisition.
- Objections must be in writing
- Objectors must state the reasons for their objection and the facts and circumstances supporting those reasons.

examples.

- the need for the project, that a lesser or different area or interest should be resumed,
- the location of the proposed infrastructure,
- access to land following the project's construction, and other issues likely to affect landowners' properties.

Matters relating to the amount of compensation to be paid are not valid grounds for objection.

resumption notice.

- If the Governor in Council approves the compulsory land acquisition, a resumption notice is published in the Queensland Government Gazette (a copy of the notice is sent to all interested parties).
- On the date the notice is published, the Coordinator-General becomes the owner of the land (or easement). Anyone else's interest in the land converts to a right to claim compensation.

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TAKING OF LAND NOTICE (No. 2024) 2010

Short title

1. This notice may be cited as the Taking of Land Notice (No. 2024) 2010.

Land to be taken [s.9(7) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967]

 The land described in the Schedule is taken for a purpose incidental to the purpose of transport (light rail and light rail transport infrastructure), namely, road relocation, as from 2 July 2010, and vests in the Chief Executive, Department of Transport and Main Roads, as constructing authority for the State of Queensland, for an estate in fee simple.

SCHEDULE

Land Taken

County of Ward, Parish of Nerang - an area of about 21.1 square metres being part of Lot 38 on Crown Plan S182153 contained in Title Reference: 18174248.

County of Ward, Parish of Nerang - an area of about 52.9 square metres being part of Lot 75 on RP28685 contained in Title Reference: 12482062.

County of Ward, Parish of Nerang - an area of about 26.6 square metres being part of Lot 1 on RP96432 contained in Title Reference: 13402067.

timings – 3 years to lodge your claim for compensation.

construction.

Any time following once the land has been resumed, the Coordinator-General has the right to access the land (or easement) to construct any proposed infrastructure. Construction can proceed before compensation is paid.

vacating the land – any time following gazettal

- Can be negotiated.
- If an easement is resumed, the Coordinator-General may begin using the easement from the date of the notice.

compensation.

heads of damages.

impact on value of land (Valuer)

- A. Loss of land taken
- B. Severance and Injurious Affection
- C. Enhancement

disturbance



disturbance costs can include:

- legal costs, and other professional fees
- costs relating to the purchase of a replacement property
- removal and storage costs
- costs reasonably incurred to connect to any services or utilities upon relocating from the land resumed
- loss of profit or other economic losses resulting from the interruption to a business directly attributable to the resumption
- other financial costs that have been, or may be, reasonably incurred or that might reasonably be incurred, relating to the use of the land resumed, as a direct and natural consequence of the resumption of the land.

can apply for advance.

existing mortgages.

If there is a mortgage over an acquired property, the mortgagee (e.g. the relevant bank) is entitled to be paid the compensation (up to the full mortgage amount owing), unless the mortgagee agrees otherwise. A clearance from the mortgagee/bank will be required prior to any compensation payment being made.

no claim for emotional impact.

each claim is different.

legal fees.

other professional fees.

A. Valuation

B. Financial - accounting

C. Other - agronomist, engineer

what can you be doing now?

1. Keep a diary and notes

2. Confirm a conversation in email

