

LAND ASSEMBLY AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE FOR MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM 2024

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Ahead of [Land Assembly and Compulsory Purchase for Major Infrastructure](#) taking place on 30 April, two of the speakers share guidance for developers starting the land acquisition process. Read the advice from **Harry Stubbs, Director at Dalcour Maclaren**, and **Simon Navin, Geomatics Business Development Director at Dalcour Maclaren**.

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WHAT IS ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD OFFER A DEVELOPER BEGINNING THE LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS?

Plan it, and don't under estimate how much face to face time spent with landowners can help open and progress conversations. Bringing landowners into the design phase early will allow them to be part of the journey and whilst they may not want to relinquish land or rights, if they feel they are being heard they are more likely to be engaging and receptive.

HOW CAN COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND LAND ASSEMBLY BE MANAGED AS PART OF THE LARGER NSIP APPLICATION?

It very much needs to be integral to the process and undertaken as part of the project and not standalone. Ensuring cross discipline collaboration so the design and environmental requirements work

in conjunction with land and have a weighted say in the progression of the project. It also needs time, land assembly is very much about strategy and relationships. Before starting the land assembly, a land strategy should be developed setting out the approach and ensuring all parties are happy with the base line plan. This can flex as it needs to meet unforeseen challenges but it's important to have that base lined plan.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO DE-RISK THE LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS?

Strategy, Strategy, Strategy. The process needs to be planned. It also cannot be a secondary thought, without the land a project may have a great design and meet all the environmental requirements but it cannot be built. Bringing land expertise and landowners into the process early can de risk the project, there more often than not more knowledge gleaned from those custodians of the land than any survey will tell a project.

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