Corridors of land are identified and legally protected to ensure major infrastructure projects such as motorways and railway lines can be built in the future.

There is no intention or need to immediately acquire land or property for the corridor as there are a number of steps to be followed through the planning and approvals processes before properties are identified for acquisition.

Acquisition of properties generally occurs following approval for the construction of the project and this could be years or decades in the future.

So, until this happens, residents can continue to live in and/or use their property.

Once a corridor has been legally protected, property owners have an opportunity to initiate early acquisition under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 before the land is needed by the government.

Importantly, the market value (at time of sale) will be negotiated with land owners under the legislation. The market value is determined as if the corridor does not impact the property.

The engagement process provides land owners with the opportunity to talk through their particular circumstances and get more information on potential property acquisition.

Following a decision to protect a corridor, and if property owners wish to pursue early acquisition, property owners can approach Transport for NSW to further discuss property acquisition. The key stages in this process are shown below.

More information is available at propertyacquisition.nsw.gov.au, including:
- a guide for home and property owners
- the process for acquisitions by agreement
- the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991

Corridor acquisition stages

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback on the corridor process, please visit transport.nsw.gov.au/corridors or contact the TfNSW Corridor Preservation team by calling 1800 837 511 or emailing corridors@transport.nsw.gov.au