How will it affect my property?

Rail corridor

The Queensland Government began acquiring land for a rail link between Petrie and Kippa-Ring in the late 1970s, following planning studies identifying the need for a public transport corridor.

Because this original corridor now forms part of the Moreton Bay Rail Link, most of the land required for the project is already owned by the government.

Due to a number of factors, such as changes to rail and transport infrastructure design requirements, the alignment of the transport corridor has been revised in line with current standards.

This new Moreton Bay Rail Link alignment is now at concept stage. The final land requirements will not be known until the detailed design stage is completed in 2012.

The new alignment and station locations have been positioned as much as possible within the existing corridor. This will better service the growing communities in these areas and minimise the effect on existing property owners.

Will there be property resumptions?

Although long-term planning for public transport infrastructure has ensured that the government already owns most of the land required for the project, a small number of additional property acquisitions may also be required.

The proposed further property requirements are the result of a number of minor alterations to the alignment and stations to comply with changes to current Queensland Rail and other design standards.

Further land is also required for a number of additional road overpasses, including new overpasses at Dohles Rocks and Goodfellows Roads near the proposed Kallangur Station.

When will I know if my property is affected?

It is likely that you will have already been contacted by the project team if your property has been identified as being within the area required.

The project team has notified and commenced consultation with property owners who are directly affected by the current design. This includes all property owners whose properties may be wholly or partially required by the project.

The property impact maps can be viewed in the project change report online at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/moretonbayrail.

What happens if my property has been identified?

Most affected property owners have been notified and invited to meet with representatives from the project team to discuss the process in detail.

Final property requirements will not be known until detailed design is completed in 2012.

Following completion of the design process, property owners will be notified if there is a requirement for part or all of their property, well in advance of the project's proposed construction commencement.

Once the government has approved the detailed design and funding for property acquisitions for the project, the Department of Transport and Main Roads may commence the resumption process for those properties identified as required. The formal resumption process begins when a *Notice of Intention to Resume* is issued to the property owner.

Representatives from the project team will be available for one-on-one meetings to discuss this process in detail.

The department also recognises that in the time between project planning and construction, it is possible that you may find some difficulty in dealing normally with your property. If you experience such a situation and would like to enter into a voluntary early acquisition process, the department can consider this option (on a case-by-case basis) in accordance with its hardship policy.

How will property owners be compensated?

If part or all of a property is resumed, persons with a legal interest in that land can submit a claim for compensation in accordance with the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*.

Compensation is assessed in accordance with the *Acquisition* of *Land Act 1967*, valuation principles and court precedents.

Compensation is generally based on the market value of the property (or your interest in the property) at the time of the acquisition and other reasonable factors. All claims for compensation will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

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