

TurnerHopkins

PROTECTING WHAT'S YOURS

LEGAL HELP FOR LANDOWNERS AFFECTED BY PUBLIC WORKS




Our approach is simple; impeccable service and exceptional quality delivered by a results-focused team who cares about our clients.

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WHO WE ARE

Turner Hopkins is a respected Auckland law firm, with over 100 years of experience helping landowners across New Zealand. When Government or Council projects affect your land, we are here to make sure you are treated fairly - with full compensation, no unnecessary stress and a team who truly understands the process.



**WE WORK WITH OUR
CLIENTS NAVIGATING THE
COMPLEXITIES AND
MAXIMISING THE OUTCOME**

PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY RIGHTS

Whether your land is being acquired or simply affected by nearby infrastructure works, you may be entitled to compensation and we are here to help.

- **Decades of expertise** - we have helped landowners nationwide, throughout this process.
- **Full compensation** - you may be eligible for compensation for land, buildings, relocation or business losses.
- **Legal fees reimbursed** - your legal fees and valuation costs must be reimbursed by the requiring agency, so you are not out of pocket for reasonable expenses.



COMPENSATION

Depending on the circumstances, your compensation may include:

- Full market value of your land and improvements
- Legal and valuation costs (usually reimbursed by the requiring authority)
- Relocation costs and mortgage-related transfer costs
- Business losses, property damage, or disruption
- Solatium payments - payments for inconvenience or emotional impact
- Compensation for partial land loss or proximity-related impacts

We understand that losing all or part of your property to a public infrastructure project is not just a legal issue - it's personal.

Our team works with empathy, precision, and commitment to achieve the best possible result for each client. With decades of experience and a strong track record, you can trust us to advocate for your rights and ensure a fair outcome.

HOW WE CAN HELP



INITIAL ADVICE

We will review all communications and notices from the requiring authority, and provide you with advice on your legal rights and options.



LIAISON WITH AUTHORITIES

We communicate directly with the Government or council agencies on your behalf, asserting your rights and protecting your interests from the outset.



NEGOTIATION & VALUATION

We work alongside, experienced, independent valuers to negotiate current market value for your land. We will also seek compensation for your costs, with the focus being to obtain the maximum compensation entitlement available under the law.



ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Where appropriate we will assist you in exploring temporary occupation or rental agreements to minimise disruption while you transition to a new property.



OUTCOMES SECURED

We will be on board through to settlement, working directly with you and the requiring authority to ensure your wellbeing.

WHY CHOOSE US

We have advised landowners and businesses affected by a wide range of public projects, including:

- Urban transport developments and major roading projects led by the NZ Transport Agency and local councils
- Central city land acquisitions following major rebuilds or infrastructure expansion
- Submitting and objecting to projects via challenges on behalf of landowners made to Local Council Hearing commissioners, and where required to the Environment Court and the Land Valuation Tribunal

Our in-depth knowledge of the Public Works Act 1981 enables us to challenge inappropriate uses of the Act and advocate effectively for property owners' rights.

“THROUGHOUT AN INCREDIBLY COMPLEX AND EMOTIONALLY TAXING PROCESS, THEIR PROFESSIONALISM, CLARITY, AND GENUINE COMMITMENT TO OUR CASE HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE.”



NEXT STEPS

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DON'T PANIC

Remember, help is available and whilst it might be quite overwhelming, the main thing to do is to understand your options and start planning ahead.

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DOCUMENTATION

Keep all of the documentation you have received, and make sure you have access to all the relevant information that we will need to assess your situation.

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CONTACT US

Contact us as soon as you can, so that we can conduct an initial review of your situation and the documentation you have gathered. The sooner you contact us, the sooner we can assist you.

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