

Negotiation assistance to engage valuation and legal expertise

Under the Landholder Negotiation Scheme (LNS) the NSW Government is committed to supporting good faith negotiations with affected landholders.

Once you have accepted the invitation to negotiate under the LNS, the Reconnecting River Country Program will cover reasonable costs directly related to your participation in the negotiation process, regardless of whether an agreement is reached.

What costs are covered?

Landholders participating in negotiations under the LNS may have reasonably incurred costs covered by the program, providing they are directly related to the negotiation process.

These include:

- independent legal advice (e.g. conveyancing, review of Deed of Agreement)
- independent property valuation (prepared in accordance with Section 55 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*)
- specialist consulting service costs may also be eligible, subject to prior approval from the program.

Eligibility requirements

To access negotiation assistance, you must:

- accept the invitation to negotiate under the LNS
- provide valid invoices for approved services plus copies of all valuation and specialist reports generated
- obtain prior written approval from the program for consultant services beyond legal and valuation advice.

What costs are not covered?

The program will not reimburse costs if they:

- are not considered reasonably incurred
- are unrelated to the LNS negotiation process
- were incurred prior to acceptance of the Invitation to Negotiate letter.

How to seek advice on negotiation assistance

To understand the negotiation assistance options available, contact your appointed Acquisition Manager.

Further information

If you have any questions about negotiation assistance, or need assistance identifying qualified service providers, contact your appointed Acquisition Manager.

Find out more

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