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Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian today called for interested parties to come forward ahead of the removal of the monorail infrastructure, including the 3.6 kilometre track, structural columns, stations, workshop and vehicles.

“We’ve heard plenty of talk from individuals and groups suggesting they’re interested in putting in a bid for the monorail, but now it is time to get serious,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“From this week, anyone interested in purchasing or removing Sydney’s Monorail can formally register their interest.

“The Monorail needs to come down to make way for the development of the new convention, exhibition and entertainment precinct at Darling Harbour.

“The ROI process will enable Transport for NSW to develop a shortlist of genuine, suitable tenderers and help identify potential future uses of the Monorail infrastructure.”

All parties should act quickly before the ROI ends on October 12.

“Anyone interested in buying the monorail to operate in another location will need to organise its safe removal,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“If no-one wants to buy it, Transport for NSW will select a suitable company to take it down.

“It is more than 20 years old and has never been integrated with Sydney’s wider public transport network.”

The tender for the removal of the Monorail includes:

- taking down the Monorail infrastructure, including the 3.6km track, six stations, ticketing facilities, structural columns and other equipment
- demolishing the workshop at Darling Harbour
- removing the Monorail infrastructure to be re-used, recycled and/or disposed of, and;
- reinstating any public and/or private assets affected by the Monorail removal, such as building facades and footpaths.

The Monorail will stop operating in mid-2013.

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