

Submission to electricity transmission company land access Statement of Expectations

Submission received through Engage Victoria

From 24 March to 19 April 2022, the commission accepted submissions on our draft Statement of Expectations for electricity transmission company land access via <u>Engage Victoria</u>. On the 4 April 2022 we hosted a public webinar on the project, followed by a meeting with industry representatives on 5 April 2022. We have used these submissions to inform our final decision.

Date submitted: 25 March 2022

Name: withheld

Stakeholder/interest group: landowner

Question 5 - What has worked well in relation to prior instances of land access?

That I was home during COVID to stop companies coming onto the property with filthy machinery carrying goodness knows what sort of biosecurity risks

Question 6 - What key challenges have you faced under current land access arrangements?

That they cut down native vegetation (eg black wattles) that will never reach a height to be problematic under power lines- anything is cut indiscriminately, that they drive across sensitive threatened native grasslands during wet periods to undertake routine work that could be scheduled for drier times of the year and have got bogged and created large bare areas that have now colonised with weeds and that the machinery isn't properly cleaned between properties and they behave in an intimidating manner when asked to clean them and they leave piles of cut material where it falls creating a hazard for us

Question 7 -What information do you consider you need prior to land access to feel comfortable with an exercise of a right to access land?

It would be good to know who to call if they aren't meeting their obligations ie the manager rather than having to ring a general number and be on hold for ages

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Q8 - Do you think the principles of the draft Statement of Expectations on land access address issues of concern to you?

Q9 - What information do you think we should collect about a transmission companies' performance in relation to land access and frequency?

Q10. Is there anything else you want us to consider when finalising this Statement of Expectations?

Q11. Upload submission(s)

Q12. I agree to the collection notice on this page.

Yes

Q13. I'd like my name or other identifying information withheld when published.

Yes

Q14. I'd like my submission to be treated as confidential.

No