



# 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 [Engage Victoria](#). 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.

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**Stakeholder/interest group: Chair, Moorabool and Central Highlands Power Alliance**

### Q5. What has worked well in relation to prior instances of land access?

This entire project has been woeful from the beginning, by firstly being misinformed, lied to and attempted to be bribed. We have never been engaged with respect not treated fairly, we have been called dumb farmers.

### Q6. What key challenges have you faced under current land access arrangements?

Misinformation, lies dishonesty and poor communication. we have been only communicated with when it suite Ausnet, we have asked questions for almost 20 months and still not received answers to our questions. We have on 4 occasions provided land access agents with information about our farm and business and then speak with access agents who have no knowledge of our information.

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

We need good communication, we need a proper access agreement and flexibility to organise visits. we need somebody to communicate with who will answer a phone and emails in a timely manner as well as honestly.

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

I think that it is a good start. I think that there needs to be repercussions when they do not adhere to the agreement and not act like cowboys and do what they like when they like, i.e. fly drones on people's properties with no permission, jump fences when landholders are not home, hide their names and company logos, repeatedly call elderly landholders and threaten them.

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

We think that you should review their complaints process. There should be Understanding the powers according to section 93

- Understanding the process for how landowners will be notified
- Understanding the specific reason for the land access
- Understanding the specific period of access required
- Understanding what specific work will be undertaken on the land
- Understanding where this specific work will be carried out on the land
- Understanding who will access the land
- Understanding what rights, the landowner has in terms of denying access or negotiating a suitable access period
- Understanding what compensation landowners will receive for legal advice, business disruption, moving of stock and equipment, agistment that may be required
- Understanding of what remediation measures will be taken to reverse any adverse impact made to the property during the access period

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

I think that now that the EES has been postponed that this project should be put on hold and a proper access code addressed for this project before any more work is progressed.

**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.**

No

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

No