



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: Stakeholder

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

Nothing

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

No details on where on the property they want to do what inspections or for how long.

Q7. What information do you consider you need prior to land access to feel comfortable with an exercise of a right to access land?

"A map of your property showing in detail where they want to do what inspections and for how many hours. A list of all those wanting to access your property on said inspections. Compensation paid up front to cover legal advice on the access letter, the inconvenience of having to move your horses and or stock around the property or even having to move them to another property, interruption to your planned farming activities, lost wages if you have to take a day off work, Etc, Etc. The Marinous Link is paying up to \$5000 per visit to the property, so why can't AusNet pay compensation.

The access letter should only apply to One visit to the property, if they want more than One visit they should have to supply a letter for each visit required."

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

Yes it does cover a far amount of our concerns, but not all of them.

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

You should contact all property owners after every AusNet visit to get feed back on their performance.

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

Any power company employees that do not follow the rules should be dismissed on the spot and the power company fined and lose their licence if they have repeated offences. This should be back dated to apply to those AusNet employees that assaulted the farmer in Toolern Vale at the end of last year.

Q11. Submission documentation provided

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