

Submission to the Developing a Land Access Code of Practice Draft Decision

Submission received through Engage Victoria

From 15 June to 27 July 2023, the commission accepted submissions on our draft Land Access Code of Practice via Engage Victoria. On 17 July 2023 we hosted an online public forum on the project, followed by an in-person forum with landholders on 25 July 2023. We have used these submissions to inform our final decision.

Date submitted: 17/06/2023

Name: Anonymous

Stakeholder/interest group: Community member

Q6. Do you consider that the current proposed obligations in the code of practice provide enough clarity on what is expected from transmission companies when accessing land? Do the proposed obligations provide sufficient flexibility to develop new transmission projects and undertake significant upgrades?

No. Because the present line was not optimised relative to dwellings and farm practices and proponents are technically pigheaded about where they put the new lines based on cost of project outcomes than mitigated effects to landholders.

Q7. Do you agree to the code of practice applying to all stages of a new transmission project in which section 93 access may be required?

Q8. Do you identify any issues with the proposed scope of the code of practice – that it would apply to all new transmission projects and significant upgrades on existing transmission projects?

It does little regards Magnetic Field background measurements and the subsequent measurement to places where people have to live & work near the new line.

Q9. Do you have any comments on the proposed general communication and engagement obligations on transmission companies before accessing land?

We have had 6 different "Community Consultation agents" and the various Gift Cards for sign up ('bribes') - the verbal incorrect info that comes out of the first "consultants" mouth is never how it ends up with the last one.....so we should be able to hold them to the wrong comments at the start.

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If they dont know, then that is what should be stated rather than comments like "It will look like the old one" or "deffinitely it will be 220kV" - bullshit with stretch of time. So "appeasement statements" should be called what they are - "lies"

Q10. Do you have any comments on the proposed information and notices that should be provided by transmission companies to affected landowners and occupiers before accessing land under section 93 of the Act or entering into a voluntary access agreement? Should any information be added, removed or amended?

Q11. Do you consider that the proposed timing of 10 business days is sufficient period for a Notice of Access?

Not if I am a shift worker who works 2 weeks on and 2 weeks off or am away for work. Or have prepared a shearing crew 2-3mths before the notice etc.

Q12. Do you have any comments on the proposed maximum access period?

Q13. Do you have any comments on the proposed risk mitigation obligations in the draft code of practice?

Q14. Do you have any comments on the proposed specific risk mitigation obligations in the draft code of practice related to biosecurity protocols, fire risk management and health management?

They dont understand the health impact of not knowing how to plan our lives - no line certainty for years = no progress with a new house or renovation, or landscaping and items for the kids (pool etc that the city folk getting the new power will consider a right of owning land etc)

Q15. Do you have any comments on the proposed complaints handling and dispute resolution obligations in the draft code of practice?

Q16. Do you have any comments on the Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria (EWOV) being the proposed dispute resolution scheme? Are there other dispute resolution bodies we should consider? What would be the costs and benefits of those options?

Q17. For what period of time should transmission companies be required to retain records related to land access?

For as long as the title of that land exists. Offered to new owner on transfer of land, and made digital

Q18. What scope of records should transmission companies be required to retain?

Q19. Are the proposed reporting requirements appropriate to monitor compliance with this draft code of practice? If no, what reporting should be required? Do you have any comments on whether the monthly reports should be used for additional purposes?

Q20. Is there any additional information we should consider on the expected costs and benefits of the draft code of practice?

Q21. Are there any other issues with implementing the code of practice we should consider?

What the magnetic field does to natural systems and the human body over time. And the prompt it can be for people disposed to certain health afflictions or physiology.