



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.

Date submitted: 18 April 2022

Name: [REDACTED]

Stakeholder/interest group: Stakeholder

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

Nothing that AusNet has done. We have been treated like it is a done deal from beginning with box ticking consultation. We have not granted land access. Only illegal access, locally has been obtained by contractors under state government act. What has worked well since then is landowners and community standing united to stop entry.

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

None. Was told access was going to happen early January for EES. Haven't heard a word. After forced entry on neighbours property last year, the only interest was on actual tower sites. We were lied to saying that they didn't know where towers were situated, but after the map was released it was only places they wanted to dig. When I asked officers regarding heritage, flora, fauna and cultural issues they knew nothing and expected me to supply when they wouldn't supply maps or information.

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

"We do not trust this company. This is our home, business, work place and investment. Nobody has listened to our concerns. We are expected to take the full cost of this project because we exist in shortest, cheapest route.

We need the truth and trust, not been treated like idiots that are going to find out that a power line is going through their home. We will not feel comfortable with a right to access our land. Is it our land, or state's land?"

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

No

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

Land access companies have operated appallingly. Lies, standover tactics, agreeing to anything verbally to get you to sign access agreement. Vulnerable people have been pressured by ausnet contractors into believing they have no rights with access.

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

We would like to be considered in statement. We are trying to live, work and improve our property. Living with the uncertainty of this horrendous project destroying our lives for the last two years has been very hard. The statement will be written by company that will be trying to access our land with a legal document. How would this be considering us?

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.

Yes

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

No