



# 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: 4 April 2022**

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**Stakeholder/interest group: Landowner / Community Group's / Landcare**

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

Not a solitary thing

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

1. Landowners not considered a Stakeholder in this process, until proposed route escertained
2. Landowners (and community) feedback, in the farcical "consultation period", not recorded, not acted upon, not considered.
3. Thuggish behaviour of AusNet/Mondo Access agents and security gurads
4. Deceptive behaviour of AusNet/Mondo Access agents
5. Disrespectful behaviour of AusNet / Mondo / JLL agent in relation to requested contact arrangement
6. Illegal access to properties

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

1. To be considered a Stakeholder in the project from the beginning, not the mid point when alignment already set.

2. Local Knowledge to be considered prior to alignment being set.
3. Local concerns to be considered prior to alignment being set.
4. Agricultural Economic impact to be considered prior to alignment being set.
5. Tourism Economic impact to be considered prior to alignment being set.
6. Environmental impact to be considered prior to alignment being set.
7. Legal framework to be established for protection of landowners prior to access
8. Structural engineering design

Honestly, a privately owned company do not have the right to access privately owned freehold land, and if access is to be granted it should be granted through a court of law.

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

NO.

NO.

NO.

A legal, privately owned parcel of land, should require court approval for access, not a blanket "Transmission company" can access any property in Victoria under a revised Section 93.

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

It is not necessarily the information that is to be collected that is a serious issue.

The issue is the ability to make a complaint re proponent, agents, contracts, process, lies, that is not tied to either government or proponent. And this independent body will have the power to investigate, take action and prosecute - misinformation, lies, bullying, lack of transparency, deception, illegal activity, lack of consultation.

As a process like this, should not be allowed to get to a situation whereupon the only means to alter this project is through a dubiously governed EES process with strong link to the governing government with their own agendas.

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

Agricultural Enterprises Biosecurity Plans must be adhered to, not watered down by Access agents and power companies.

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Why should Freehold property owners be subject to significant legal cost and challenges to ascertain the legitimacy and rules with which an access agent is to adhere too?

The statement is warm and fuzzy, yet who oversees the compliance by the transmission companies, and what action will they face if there is non compliance.

AND WHO PAYS.

This statement is so widely written that it once again gives no power to the property owner and broad and non concise powers to a transmission company.

Bottom Line - Section 93 is a joke.

Access denied.

### **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