



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:

WVTNP our land is in Ausnet's preferred alignment, It is proposed to cut our 140 acres in half

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

Nil, Ausnet, Mondo, in relation to WVTNP are a disgraceful Corporate Citizen. Their practices are a disgrace and do not deserve tax payer support. The Actions of their staff and management reflect poorly on their Senior Management and the Board of Directors regarding the Corporate Culture.

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

Extreme stress. Consultations and community meeting inputs that are ignored questions not answered and reports generated with a potentially misleading and deceptive spin. All the people I've been in touch with, neighbours and effected parties are horrified, afraid, and suffering extreme mental health issues. Most people avoid Ausnet's staff, liaison personal and contractors due to the breakdown in trust. They seem to say varying comments on the project to a land holder to suit their situation then the comment to the next property holder differ. Little integrity therefore no trust. They seem to publish documents that spin their consultations, community support, to give Authorities, Public Servants and Politicians a false idea of their acceptance.

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 least 1 months notice,

exactly why they need access,

exactly where on the property, with detailed maps, what they need to review,

who will be attending?

Covid Status, Injection Status of Staff and all Contractors and Consultants attending the site,

Public Liability Indemnity Certificate of Currency for every person or Every Entity (that they are covered),

What equipment will be brought on site,

Certification that the equipment has been sterilized before entry, weed seeds, dirt born spores and pathogens have been destroyed, etc etc

All Bio Securities Protections / Defences have been addressed.

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

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

Accountability and Enforcement Mechanisms of The SofE and a also create a Code of Practice with teeth.

As per the “Energy Grid Alliance”, we believe that without parallel development of a Code of Practice, the Statement of Expectations represents a guideline only that does not have to be adhered to. The Code of Practice referenced and accountability mechanisms, to ensure electricity transmission companies are fulfilling these expectations, do not yet exist.

The concern is that without real accountability, electricity transmission companies will simply continue to access land as they are now.

Penalties and Compensation ???? Administered by Whom?

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

Number of Complaints, of past breaches of SofE, CofP, from effected landholder and other stakeholders. Banning from Tendering for any future Contracts.

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

We generally all agree with Renewable Energy, just use modern less dangerous, devaluing, environmentally wreckless methods of transmission, go underground.

The ""Energy Grid Alliance"" has made many good point on this matter, therefore I will not repeat, the content of their Submission, but endorse their submission.

NOTE With Extreme Weather Events, happening more and more as seen all around the world. The WVTNP should be withdrawn and taken back to the RIT-T, UNDERGROUND.

Further, all future transmission projects around the country should be UNDERGROUND, HVDC, as per Marinus link In Gippsland (90km), Wonthaggi Desalination Plant 2009.

What is the true total cost of the WVTNP, including not just construction but landholder compensation, environmental impact (Wildlife and Tree Values), Agricultural / Horticultural economic impacts, etc etc,?

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