

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: 25/07/2023

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?

Yes

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?

The only consideration I feel needs to be undertaken are environmental and The considerations of the local Aboriginal organization's and networks.

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

No

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?

This I feel is adequate.

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

No

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

No

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?

No

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

I feel Landowners will criticize most of what being proposed because they feel that they are being imposed on by governments and energy providers.They the land owners just have to suck it up.

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?

No

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

For the period of a particular land owners tenure of land ownership.

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

All Records.

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?

Yes

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

No

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

It has to be personally posted to all landowners the are having these works on their properties..