

Submission to the Land Access Code of Practice Consultation Paper

Submission received through Engage Victoria

From 2 February to 3 March 2023, the commission accepted submissions on our Land Access Code of Practice consultation paper via Engage Victoria. Stakeholders were also able to provide feedback through answering survey questions. We are using the responses to these questions to inform our thinking when developing the draft Land Access Code of Practice.

Only questions where a response was provided are included.

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Q2. Compared to the principles set out in the Statement of Expectations, what should the Code of Practice have more prescriptive obligations for?

Compensation on an ongoing yearly basis adjusted each year to reflect inflation. Electricity companies must rent not own the land they travel over.

Q3. What specifically should be required of electricity transmission companies? What are the benefits and costs of having more prescriptive requirements?

They should respect the traditional owners of the land in every way. they should pay the full price for the use of the land to the owners on a yearly basis adjusted for inflation.

Q4. Do you agree that the Statement of Expectations covers enough scope?

Disagree

Q5. If the scope needs to be widened, what other activities should be included in the Code of Practice?

Must be with the full agreement of the landowners.

Q6. What has your experience been with land access following the release of the Statement of Expectations?

Never encountered any.

Q7. What do you consider are the most important issues related to land access under section 93 of the Electricity Industry Act 2000?

Compensation

Q8. What other options should we consider in addressing these identified issues? Are there alternative elements to consider?

The costs are irrelevant as they should all be born by the companies involved after all they are private's establishments not government institutions so why should they dictate to governments and private landowners.

Q9. Are there any elements of the Statement of Expectations that need to be clarified in the Code of Practice?

No

Q12. What other options for complaint handling do you think we should consider when we're developing a Code of Practice?

They must have more power to keep the private companies in line with what the community wants.