

# 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?**

That like National Parks leave the area that you visit clean and clear of household rubbish and obstructions and take nothing but Photos and leave nothing but footprints.

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

More prescriptive requirements means that more stringent measures of surveillance need to be taken to ensure these electricity companies are meeting the environmental conditions that are required of them when maintaining electrical infrastructure.

### **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?**

That the traditional owners of that land be notified of works and entry before the electricity company undertakes works on that land.

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

That the squattocracy is totally against it, because they see themselves as having exclusive rights to these landscapes. And they farmers are using Bio security signage on properties to stop people accessing various locations in the landscape. When all that is needed is for people entering these locations is understanding of certain obligations when entering landscapes for example making sure that vehicles are free of any potential for spreading noxious weed material. eg Clean tyres before entering locations.