

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: 15/06/2023

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?

Transmission companies particularly WRL have no social licence on tv footage they trespassed x2 can see on posts ie horse man's property and another caught on video (nb no lines on there yet)Late night ministerial order by Vic energy minister outrageous worthy of an inquiry Box ticking a project ie paying young people 20 dollars for their opinion not even land holders uncontiable

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?

Yes problem first excuse trespass New proposals need massive local community didactic Consultation not one way . Using outdated technology above ground towers just makes money for majority overseas owned companies.Section 93 outdated Law needs revisiting.

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

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Totally biodiversity concerns are paramount. It's not their land they hide behind an outdated 93 code jump fences unlock gates. Vehicles posted on line of these happenings the whole push through stepping on another's land needs to go to a senate inquiry. I had 3 different land liason people one said to me who would want towers on land !!!?

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?

For a start the overseas owned wind farm proposed for near Glendaruel Vic first I heard was a sorry we missed you notice. Letting me know the put a wind measure tower on a nearby road in Feb 23 how dare they do that without communication. Hence no social licence.

Q11. Do you consider that the proposed timing of 10 business days is sufficient period for a Notice of Access?

No people work away due to lack of local employment no consent equals trespass

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

Need to have consent otherwise your stealing access to a person's land. Given their proposed routes make no sense ie near state forests vistas and other inaccessible fire access areas

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

Firstly get social licence read past royal commission into black Saturday ie no overhead towers if you care about fire mitigation.

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?

Yes no access if biosecurity risk. Ie foot and mouth disease i saw it in UK big risk for our land

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

Seriously little trust given ignorant dismissal of farmers concerns Independants from govts who are green ticking this

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?

Needs to be independent and have Advocacy body like VffAs farmers opinions ignored by govt.

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

At least 25 years this is when turbines blades all need replacement and we'll see with weather events what fires caused

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

Everything especially have they got consent and social Licence

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?

No. Who monitors an overseas owned company

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

Future proofing for generations to come follow Germany using undergrounding and UK also

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

Social licence.