

Essential Services Commission Land Access Code of Practice

The Essential Services Commission (ESC) has developed a **Land Access Code of Practice** (Code of Practice) which came into effect on 1 March 2024.

ESC's Code of Practice governs procedures for electricity transmission companies, such as AusNet, to follow when seeking access to private land under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* (Vic) (Act). The purpose of the Code of Practice is to mandate specific requirements to be followed before, during and after land access under section 93 of the Act to improve communication with landholders, occupiers and other key stakeholders and to minimise impact. It also regulates the information electricity transmission companies must provide prior to signing a Land Access Consent form.

We are committed to complying with the Code of Practice and we want to assure you that our engagement approach and processes for land access align with the requirements set out by ESC in the Code of Practice.

More information on our land access procedures and protocols can be found in our **Landholder Guide: Land access for field surveys and investigations**.

A full copy of the Code of Practice can be found on the **Essential Services Commission website**.

