

# AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd as trustee for AusNet Infrastructure Trust – Electricity transmission licence application

## **Submissions received through Engage Victoria**

**1. Date submitted:** 29 October 2024

**Submission written by:** John Ernst (Victorian consumer)

**Postcode.**

3842

**Have you previously had contact with AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd about its transmission project relating to the Koorangie BESS?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Have you had experience with transmission companies accessing your land?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Are you familiar with the commission's enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**What effect on electricity pricing do you think AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's Koorangie BESS transmission project will have?**

As the design proposal hasn't taken into account the need to make the new infrastructure more resilient to extreme weather conditions I think the maintenance and repair costs will significantly increase pricing.

**Do you think AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd being granted a transmission licence will benefit the long-term interests of Victorian consumers?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Do you have any views on AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?**

Singapore Power's subsidiary AusNet will comply with the regulatory obligations - however it is the regulatory requirements that are wholly inadequate in an environment where we should be hardening new infrastructure to cope with extreme weather events such as storms and fires.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's electricity transmission licence application?**

Yes, the assessment should ask the question how AusNet intends to harden the infrastructure to cope with extreme weather events associated with Climate Change as we have seen in the last five years where we have seen failures of similar infrastructure.

**Please select the option that applies to your submission.**

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**2. Date submitted: 1 November 2024**

**Submission written by: [Redacted for privacy] (Customer advocate)**

**Postcode.**

3000

**Have you previously had contact with AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd about its transmission project relating to the Koorangie BESS?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Have you had experience with transmission companies accessing your land?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Are you familiar with the commission's enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**What effect on electricity pricing do you think AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's Koorangie BESS transmission project will have?**

[No comment made]

**Do you think AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd being granted a transmission licence will benefit the long-term interests of Victorian consumers?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Do you have any views on AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?**

The company appears to be a special purpose vehicle as indicated by No 1. The main company

should be the applicant and if they cannot apply because of ring fencing, then the application should be rejected.

**Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's electricity transmission licence application?**

[No comment made]

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**3. Date submitted: 7 November 2024**

**Submission written by: Carol-Ann Fletcher (Other - Australian constituent)**

**Postcode.**

7322

**Have you previously had contact with AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd about its transmission project relating to the Koorangie BESS?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Have you had experience with transmission companies accessing your land?**

Yes.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

In the NW, REZ (Renewable Energy Zones) and Marinus Link are planning to put in a 220kV line between Sheffield and Burnie etc via TasNetworks, which will mean the 220kv transmission lines will not be too far away from me and many other community members who oppose dangerous 220kv transmission lines (that are a high bushfire risk) equalling the distance of twice around the world littered all over NW Tasmania and who are further, NOT LISTENING TO THE NW COMMUNITY WHO ARE SAYING NO TO THE TRANSMISSION LINES, MARINUS LINK AND THE WIND TURBINES.

**Are you familiar with the commission's enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?**

Yes.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

"Where a transmission company and a landowner or occupier cannot enter into a voluntary access agreement (access agreement), a transmission company may exercise existing statutory powers under section 93 of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic) (the Act), to access private land to plan, design and construct new assets." 30 November 23 Essential Services Commission, which is completely unacceptable because it wilfully and wrongly takes away landowner's rights to say NO to the 220kv dangerous and hazardous transmission lines being put on his or her property and being forced to deal with the high bushfire risk, chemicals from the transmission lines leaking into the ground and unfairly, not to mention, unnecessarily grievously changing the landowner's landscape, which is highly likely why they bought the land in the first place. The commissions enforceable Land Access Code of Practice needs to be PERMANENTLY BANNED, and landowner's rights RESPECTED.

**What effect on electricity pricing do you think AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's Koorangie BESS transmission project will have?**

Since I feel proponents have NOT been listening to constituents and their concerns, including the fact that they do NOT want these dodgy BESS transmission projects or infrastructure, just as they do NOT want the equally dodgy wind turbines, I feel it is pretty clear that the electric prices are only going to continue to go up. I feel this means constituents will unfairly and wrongly have to continue doing it tough with their electric bills, which needs to STOP. Further, I feel the evidence I have included that shows how easily a flashover could occur in high voltage transmission lines and how it could potentially cause loss of life (see Fire and High Voltage Transmission Line Safety PDF). As a result of how easily a flashover can occur in high voltage transmission lines, I feel that whoever is involved with the planning, construction and building of these very dangerous transmission lines could just as easily become deemed culpable before a coronial inquest, should bushfires break out from these transmission lines, which I feel is highly likely to happen.

**Do you think AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd being granted a transmission licence will benefit the long-term interests of Victorian consumers?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Do you have any views on AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?**

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**Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's electricity transmission licence application?**

How about considering that the constituents do NOT want this and honouring their will for a change.

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**4. Date submitted: 7 November 2024**

**Submission written by:** *[Redacted for privacy]* (Victorian consumer)

**Postcode.**

3568

**Have you previously had contact with AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd about its transmission project relating to the Koorangie BESS?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Have you had experience with transmission companies accessing your land?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Are you familiar with the commission's enforceable Land Access Code of Practice?**

No.

**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**What effect on electricity pricing do you think AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's Koorangie BESS transmission project will have?**

Energy will cost more.

**Do you think AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd being granted a transmission licence will benefit the long-term interests of Victorian consumers?**

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**Please elaborate by providing context.**

[No comment made]

**Do you have any views on AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's ability to comply with its regulatory obligations?**

They haven't so far. Have you seen the very large "piss off Ausnet" on the side of the hill at Smeton?

**Is there anything else you think we should consider as we assess AusNet Infrastructure No.1 Pty Ltd's electricity transmission licence application?**

They cannot be trusted. Many locals have conveyed this to me.

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