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Essential Services Commission
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Re: Letter of opposition against Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) being granted a transmission licence.

To whom it may concern,

I wish to lodge my opposition to Transmission Company Victoria (TCV) being granted a transmission licence. TCV have acted nothing less than appalling in my community. They have continuously lied and never follow up verbal and written complaints correctly.

Over the past 18 months I believe they have acted inappropriately in this community by what I call 'soft targeting' women. These women in question are vulnerable. These women are elderly, widows and ones that work permanently from home. They have land titles solely in their names. TCV landholder liaison and their security guard, have continually visited these vulnerable women in an attempt to gain a signature for land access. On farm visits they have deliberately not attended the front door of a property but gained access through a private back yard to go to the woman's back door. All of this has been captured on security vision. It seems they want to catch the woman by surprise.

On another occasion they did not know where an elderly woman lived in our local town so began door knocking to find out. They visited her unannounced, she was not interested in anything they had to say and

requested them not to return. Indeed, they have continually returned since without permission. Another woman who works permanently from home now feels so intimidated that she locks herself in her home office as they never knock on her front door but go to her back door. And yet another woman receives visits well after her husband has gone to the farm some 40kms away. They know that he is not there during the day. All of these women have been left feeling intimidated and vulnerable in that they have not been given the opportunity to have someone present with them.

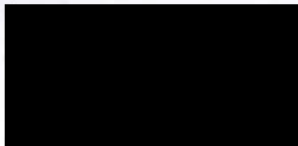
After months of complaints to TCV(of which TCV continually denied there had been any complaints), parliamentarians and the former Energy Commissioner Andrew Dyer, this particular landholder liaison was replaced but not before he had trained the next liaison and the whole process began again. Even after the former Energy Commissioner Andrew Dyer released his report touching on the lack of social licence this practice by TCV has continued!

In this day and age, no woman should ever be made feel vulnerable to live by herself or to receive surprise visits by men and feel intimidated. Personally, I will not tolerate this and I will continue to fight for the rights of all of these women and any vulnerable individual in my community. The further I have gone the more of these examples come to light. It seems our experiences are not isolated to this area.

In closing, as a society we cannot tolerate this behavior. TCV are not trusted in my community and they are not welcome.

Thanking you for your time.

Yours Faithfully,

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