ReD4NE Inc

Responsible Energy Development for the New England

New Transmission - As an impacted landowner Know your Rights

- We say there is no need to engage with EnCo at this point in time. The Government is establishing an Upper House Inquiry on Transmission Infrastructure – we are yet to sight the final Terms of Reference – we say on behalf of our members -there should be a moratorium on transmission planning pending the outcome.
- EnCo as either a *Corporation* or an *Infrastructure Planner* have no automatic right of entry onto your land without your consent. This is consistent with the provisions of the *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015* requiring permission to enter a property. If in accordance with *NSW Energy and Utilities Administration Act 1987* an EnCo employee or contractor so authorised in writing seeks entry to a property to carry out its functions they are required to give seven (7) days' notice to the landowner. We say such notice should be in writing and that EnCo should identify the nature of function they are seeking to fulfill (Section 12 *Utilities Act*).
- Most importantly -don't sign anything! Contact ReD4NE

Email as to issues and include contact details – <u>rights.underwire@gmail.com</u>

- Who is EnCo? The NSW Government, formed EnCo, the Energy Company, by statutory authority. It was created by the last government through a quirk of convenience from the old NSW Energy and Utilities Administration Act 1987('Utilities Act"). It was given a life through Section 63 of the Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020 as an Infrastructure Planner for the NSW Energy Roadmap.
- What has the Minns's Government inherited? As will be noted from ongoing media reports the NSW energy transition to date has been demonstrably inept and EnCo's performance under the previous Government was somewhat clumsy, poorly communicated and city-centric. Quite rightly, the new Minister Penny Sharpe, has correctly tabled the absence of social licence as a key barrier to community acceptance. These are early days but it is a better start than her predecessors. Let's see.

ReD4NE intends to convene community meetings in early July 2023 – notices will be sent out to all members. ReD4NE is a not for profit, community-based membership organisation. Membership is available from our website https://red4ne.com.au/membership

Thank you, ReD4NE Inc.