

## Did you know?

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In December 2015, the NSW State Government entered into a 99 year lease for TransGrid's electricity transmission network. The company responsible for the operation and maintenance of the transmission network throughout the 99 year lease is NSW Electricity Networks Operations Pty Limited. However, the business will continue to trade under the name of TransGrid and operate as it has previously, along with all of the current employees.

## How will this affect me?

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You are unlikely to notice any effect on a day to day basis. However, we have put together some '*Frequently asked questions*' below which answer some questions you may have.

If you have any further questions please feel free to call 1800 222 537 or email [community@transgrid.com.au](mailto:community@transgrid.com.au).

## Frequently asked questions

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### 1. Who holds the existing easement over my property following the lease transaction?

The NSW electricity transmission network is still owned by the NSW State Government and the existing easements are retained by the Government (as the lessor). In connection with the 99 year lease of the transmission network, the continuing business of TransGrid (the lessee) has been given the benefit and burden of the rights and obligations under the existing easements in order for it to fulfil its obligations to operate and maintain the transmission network.

### 2. What is the effect of the lease transaction on an existing easement on my property?

You are unlikely to notice any effect on a day to day basis due to the lease transaction. All existing employees have been transferred to the new operator, and therefore, it will be the same staff who will access your property to continue to operate and maintain the network. TransGrid is committed to providing a safe and reliable electricity supply throughout NSW and to continue its relationship with landowners.

### 3. Why should a private company have access to my property?

The transmission line easements have been created to support essential infrastructure, and although the transmission network will be operated by private company, it will remain owned by the NSW Government. The new operator (as the lessee of the network) will have the benefit of those easements so it can ensure the continued safe and reliable operation and maintenance of the State's essential electricity infrastructure. Associated with the Government's lease of the network are regulatory and legal obligations to provide a safe and reliable transmission network. Easement rights are required to fulfil these obligations and so access to property under the existing easements rights is provided through the lease transaction.

#### 4. Am I entitled to payment related to an existing easement due to the lease transaction?

The electricity transmission network continues to be owned by the NSW Government, as well as the existing easements. These easements remain in place following the lease transaction, so there will not be any further payment regarding them.

#### 5. Do TransGrid's easement rights cover associated communications equipment (i.e. the optic fibre network)?

Easements established for TransGrid's electricity transmission network also cover the use of the easement for other functions related to operating and maintaining the electricity network. This includes the overhead optical fibre ground wire (OPGW) and other communications equipment attached to transmission line structures.

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