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### **Changes to Land Interest Guidelines**

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We are pleased to announce the release of the updated **Land Interest Guidelines Version 6 (August 2024)**. These updates are based on stakeholder feedback and are designed to streamline processes by providing greater clarity on land interest requirements.

#### **What has changed and why?**

##### **Discontinuing Site-Specific Conditions**

Site-Specific Conditions were only available for certain new permanent Network Assets that satisfied specific criteria. Since trialing this concept, many issues have arisen regarding application of concept, including Design Drawing confusion, attempted change to standard conditions, confusion with registered Land Interests and asset management concerns, as described below:

1. Site-specific conditions could not be used for all types of network asset which was more difficult to manage than we expected.
2. Designers frequently submitted designs showing site-specific conditions when it should have been registered land interests and vice versa – or a combination of both options. This has led to longer design review timeframes and process inefficiencies.
3. Site-specific conditions were non-negotiable as the terms reflected Endeavour Energy's understanding of its statutory rights and obligations, which some owners did not agree with, and attempted negotiations caused project delays including complete re-design to registered land interests.
4. Non-registration of site-specific conditions created potential problems in dealing with subsequent owners who were probably unaware of the conditions that had been accepted by the previous owner and which still applies to their property.

Consequently, Endeavour Energy has decided to remove the option of Site-Specific Conditions.

##### **Other Key Changes to Land Interest Guidelines:**

1. **Site-Specific Conditions removed as a Land Interest option**
  - Sections 4 and 13 have been deleted.
  - The FPJ4689 Form is now discontinued.
2. **Section 5: Registered Land Interests for Subdividing Land**
  - The process remains unchanged, with Land Interests created upon the registration of subdivision plans after asset connection.
  - Unnecessary text has been removed, and terminology has been updated to align with the Definitions and Abbreviations section.
3. **Section 6: Registered Land Interests for Non-Subdividing Land**
  - The process now includes a documented requirement for written consent from external site landowners for proposed works and Land Interests.
  - Land Interests must still be finalised three weeks before the energisation outage.
  - Projects previously covered under Site-Specific Conditions now fall under Section 6.

**4. Section 9: Access Rights for Temporary Network Assets**

- A new process eliminates the need to submit a Contractual Licence to EDMHC when assets are located on the customer's land.
- Refer to Section 16 for the new FPJ8001 Form.

**5. Section 10: Contractual Licence**

- The process remains the same, with additional process steps now outlined in Section 10.1.
- See Section 17 for the Contractual Licence Template.

**6. Section 11: Special Arrangements with Government Authorities**

- Clarifications have been added regarding Crown Land (Section 11.2) and Rail Corridor (Section 11.6) processes.

**7. Section 12: Extinguishment or Release of Land Interests**

- Issues related to the abandonment of ducts and cables are now addressed.
- New process steps have been added in Section 12.2.

**8. Section 16: Acknowledgement of Access Rights for Temporary Network Assets**

- A new FPJ8001 Form has been introduced to complement the changes in Section 9.

**9. Section 17: Contractual Licence Template**

- The Licence Terms have been revised for improved clarity and application.

**When will these changes take effect?**

These changes, including the discontinuation of site-specific conditions, will come into effect for all **Design Information issued from 1 October 2024**. We will continue to honour site-specific conditions for designs certified prior to 1 October 2024.

You can find the latest version of the Land Interest Guidelines on the **Land interest for contestable works** page of the Endeavour Energy website, or by clicking [here](#).

Kind regards,

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