



The Hon Terry Redman MLA
Minister for Regional Development; Lands;
Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Your Ref: Petition No. 109
Our Ref: 39-34070

Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
Deputy Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Dawson

PETITION NO. 109 – ENERGY OPERATORS ACCESSING PRIVATE LAND

Reference is made to the above petition and your request for comments dated 17 March 2016.

Western Power has the statutory power and therefore legal authority under the legislation it operates under to enter land for the purposes of its operations. This statutory power does not require an easement to be registered over the affected land.

The easement Western Power operates under is contained in the statutes and is known as a "statutory easement" which specifically does not require registration at the Land Registry. The legislation is administered by Western Power and not by Landgate.

Western Power has the control of statutory policy and legislation that gives rise to the outcome of not requiring easements over title and the powers it gives their employees or contractors to enter land for Western Power purposes.

Should the Committee wish to further investigate this matter, it is suggested enquiries be directed to the Minister for Energy or Western Power.

Yours sincerely

HON TERRY REDMAN MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

27 APR 2016