**AEIC – Senate Estimates – 13 February 2023**

**Current/recent AEIC Activities – Andrew Dyer**

Since we last met on & November 2023, key activities included:

- Delivered an updated guideline document to assist landholders and other stakeholders in negotiating complex license and host agreements
- Presented the guideline to various stakeholder groups, including Q&A sessions with attendees
- Commenced preparing data and writing our 2022 Annual Report to the Federal Parliament
- Worked with Energy Safe Victoria and the Country Fire Authority (and others) to produce a definitive information brochure on the topic of bushfires and transmission – due out in April 2023
- Engaged with TasNetworks to develop an in-person training program for Land Liaison Officers – with the intention of making this program available nationally to all TNSPs
- Provided extensive feedback on draft transmission agreements and related correspondence for enabling property access and securing land easements for TNSPs – balancing the documents to take into account the landholder's perspective
- Assisted AEMO with various aspects of possible changes to the VNI West route, interconnection point and commencement of early works
- Held various discussions with TNSP executives regarding transmission development project management, including establishing key metrics and targets for land & easement acquisition, as well as leadership and community engagement
- Assisted the Department and Minister's Office on various aspects of launching the first off-shore wind declared area in Gippsland
- Helped the Victorian Essential Services Commission develop the inaugural land access Code of Practice, as required by the Electricity Act 2000 (Vic)
- Helped facilitate the Rewiring the Nation Office Partnership dialogue to establish formal arrangements between the partner organisations
- Recruited two new team members – one commences this week
- Handled complaints, site visits, Members of Parliament briefings, stakeholder and project governance meetings, consultations