**Question 4.1:** In what circumstances should energy entities have a *right* to enter land or property to access their works/assets?

**Feedback:**

Governments or corporate energy entities *have no rights at all* in relation to enforcing their will. These entities – whether governments or corporates, are service providers, funded by the people whom they serve. The word ‘rights’ implies an inverse authoritative relationship, where government and corporates have the power, which can be abused and corrupted. *The land owner* has rights, whereas the service provider must seek permission.

In the legislation, more palatable terms to use when referring to the energy entity (service provider), is ‘permission’, ‘agreement’ or ‘consent’.

Once a customer signs up with an energy service provider, they tacitly agree to that energy entity performing the task of *reading the meter only*.

Anything outside of reading a meter, such as conducting a repair, or accessing a pole or a line on a private property, requires the owner’s express permission, otherwise it is trespassing. If there is a pole or a line on a specific property, this does not give the energy provider any right to enter that property without the owner’s consent.

In addition, property owners have the right to refuse entry to energy providers who do not openly declare the true nature of their intended work. Owners also have the right to refuse any enforced installation of specific equipment, such as smart or digital meters.

**Question 4.2:** Should rights and obligations differ between authority holders or activities?

**Feedback:**

Please refer to comments in 4.1 regarding the term ‘rights’. Please do not use this term.