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#### **Table 1 - Information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Shane Oates Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	20/12/23
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L2 Access Track – North Breeding Trial from AP 2049
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area
	In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed access track (8m width)
Work Package ID	Access Tracks

#### Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint		Cer	Centreline		
Break and Winch Site	□ Park		king Areas		
Access Track (existing)	$\boxtimes$	Acc	ess Track (new	)	
Disturbance Area B		Oth	er		
Details of Other:		,			
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence Identified		Quantum to	Comments	
	Yes	No	Clear (Ha)		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland <sup>12</sup>					
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia 12					
Weeping Myall Woodlands 12					
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions <sup>2</sup>					
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion <sup>2</sup>					
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions <sup>2</sup>					
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains <sup>2</sup>					

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Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa wakoolica) <sup>2</sup>		×					
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy 12		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for A burr-daisy <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Winged Peppercross <sup>1</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Chariot Wheels 12		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Plains Wanderer 12		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) 12		$\boxtimes$					
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Unexpected Finds			
Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
Additional Comments			
High threat weeds: Variegated Thistle (Silybum marianum). Saffron thistle (Carthamus lanatus) Weeds to be managed in accordance with a	approved Bio	osecurity Ma	anagement plan.

### Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	6 Months
Name	Shane Oates
Signature	
Date	21/12/2023
SecureEnergy JV	
Name	Catherine Curlewis
Position	Environmental Manager
Signature	CA
Date	21/12/2023