

Project EnergyConnect (NSW - Eastern Section)
Ecology Pre-Clearance Survey Report



General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Darcy Brady Qualification: Ecologist/ FSC
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	20/02/2026
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Survey Extent: Line 2, Tower 750 - Tower 800
Scope methodology	Desktop Survey: A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. Infield Survey: The in-field survey encompassed the full easement, including a 15-metre buffer on both sides.

Pre-clearance Survey details					
Infrastructure surveyed					
Tower footprint	☐	Centreline	☒		
Brake and winch site, OPGW, EPZ, hurdle and/or crane pad site	☐	Parking areas	☐		
Access track (existing)	☐	Access track (new)	☐		
Disturbance Area B	☒	Other	☒		
Any other details:	Pre-energisation Hazard Tree Removal				
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence identified		Quantum surveyed (Ha)	Quantum which will be disturbed (Ha)	Comments
	Yes	No			
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland ^{1,2}	☐	☒			
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ^{1,2}	☐	☒			
Weeping Myall Woodlands ^{1,2}	☐	☒			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ^{1,2}	☐	☒			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ^{1,2}	☐	☒			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ^{1,2}	☐	☒			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ^{1,2}	☐	☒			
Other Protected Matters					
Mallee Bird Community 0.057ha					

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Management measures required to avoid or minimise impacts to Protected Matters:

Exclusion zones recommended to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint.

Clearing works to be completed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.

Fauna Spotter to be present during clearing activities.

Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees

Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes ☒	No ☐	Comments:
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes ☒	No ☐	Comments:
Nest boxes required?	Yes ☐	No ☒	Comments: All Nest Boxes installed
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes ☒	No ☐	Comments: Fauna Spotter Required due to the presence of Mallee Bird Community, Hollow Bearing Trees, and Nest Box inspection and possible relocation.

Weeds

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes ☐	No ☒	Details: No WONs
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Environmental exclusion zones

Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes ☐	No ☒	Details: No observation of threatened species at time of Pre-Clearance survey.
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes ☐	No ☒	Details:

Unexpected Finds

Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes ☐	No ☒	Details:
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes ☐	No ☒	Details:

Additional comments:

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Pre-clearance Approval

Ecologist

Name	Darcy Brady
Signature	
Date	20/02/2026

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Name	Clare Oakey
Position	Environmental Coordinator
Signature	
Date	2/03/2026