

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



General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Hannah Roberts Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	25/08/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 246-249
Scope methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area informed by previous in field visual inspections (across multiple dates) by ecologists for the proposed disturbance area(s).

Pre-clearance Survey details					
Infrastructure surveyed					
Tower footprint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Centreline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Break and winch site, OPGW, EPZ, hurdle and/or crane pad site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parking areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Access track (existing)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Any other details:	NB: Includes easement up to Tower 249, but does not include Tower 249 footprint and beyond.				
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}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.27	2.21 (mapped within easement)	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Notes:					
1 Protected matter listed within the Notification of Approval EnergyConnect NSW - Eastern Section (EPBC 2020/8766)					
2 Protected matter listed within the Revised Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (August 2022)					

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

- Superb Parrot (*Polytelis swainsonii*) habitat mapped within the impact area.
- Small Scurf-pea (*Cullen parvum*) habitat mapped within the impact area.
- During clearing an ecologist shall be on site at all times to monitor activities within special biodiversity protection zones as per Biodiversity Management Plan.
- Exclusion zones to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint.
- No additional mitigation measures required. Clearing works to be managed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.

Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees

Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees and stick nests.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Waypoint ID 851-853 (previously cleared or to be retained)
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Required for any additional tree removal. Pre-inspection of grassland and HBTs recommended before any ground disturbance.

Weeds

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
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Environmental exclusion zones

Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: EPBC and BC Act Threatened Ecological Communities and threatened species habitat.

Unexpected Finds

Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:


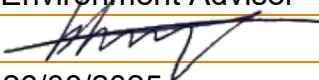
Additional comments:

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- Ecologist required for any tree removal and ground clearing activities (including clearance of grassland areas).
- An ecologist will not be required for any ground clearing activities within PCT 0.
- Hollow-bearing logs to be retained and moved outside the construction boundary for future use as fauna habitat.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weeds: Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Sow Thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*), Small-flowered Mallow (*Malva parviflora*), Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*), Capeweed (*Arctotheca calendula*), Dock (*Rumex* sp.), Paspalum (*Paspalum dilatatum*), Avena sp., Oxalis sp., Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Galvanised Burr (*Sclerolaena birchii*), Paddy Melon (*Cucumis myriocarpus*), Barley Grass (*Hordeum* sp.).

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Pre-clearance Approval	
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Signature	
Date	25/08/2025
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Date	26/08/2025

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