

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



**General information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	24/06/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 13-14
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:			

**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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Notes:

- 1 Protected matter listed within the Notification of Approval EnergyConnect NSW - Eastern Section (EPBC 2020/8766)  
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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- 1.40 Ha of critically endangered BC Act-listed TEC 'White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland' mapped within Disturbance Area B.
- No exclusion zones required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.
- 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.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Waypoint ID 5 (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.

**Weeds**

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Blackberry ( <i>Rubus</i> sp.)
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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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.

**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:**

- Ecologist required for any tree clearing activities.
- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Paspalum (*Paspalum dilatatum*), Black Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*).

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Pre-clearance Approval	
<b>Ecologist</b>	
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	24/06/2025
<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	07.08.2025

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**Project EnergyConnect (NSW - Eastern Section)**  
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**General information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Hannah Roberts Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	04/08/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 15-18
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:			

**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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- 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 359-362, 370, 373, 6B, 7B, 8B, 12B (previously cleared)  Waypoint ID 13B, 599B, 368, 972 (Disturbance Area B)  Waypoint ID 9B, 10B, 363-367, 369-372, 375-377 (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.

**Weeds**

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Blackberry ( <i>Rubus</i> sp.) identified within Disturbance Area B
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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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

**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:**

#### **Pre-clearance Survey details**

- Ecologist required for any tree removal activities.
- 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 weed species: Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*), Rye Grass (*Lolium* sp.), Flatweed (*Hypochaeris radicata*), Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Stinging Nettle (*Urtica dioica*), *Bromus* sp., Hare's-foot Clover (*Trifolium arvense*), Capeweed (*Arctotheca calendula*), Pigeon Grass (*Setaria* sp.), and various pasture grasses.

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<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
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Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	04/08/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 19-26
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:			

**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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.6	1.16	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- 0.15 Ha Critically Endangered BC Act-listed *White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland and derived native grassland* mapped in Disturbance Area B.
- 1.46 Ha Endangered BC Act-listed *'Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions'* mapped in Disturbance Area B.
- 0.15 Ha Superb Parrot Habitat mapped in Disturbance Area B.
- No exclusion zones required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.
- 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: 24, 14B-85B, 260B, 261B, 381, 383-391 (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.

**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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.

**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:**

- Ecologist required for any tree removal activities.
- 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 weed species: Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Capeweed (*Arctotheca calendula*), Sheep Sorrel (*Acetosella vulgaris*), Flatweed (*Arctotheca calendula*, *Hypochaeris radicata*), Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), Paddy Melon (*Cucumis myriocarpus*), Sow Thistle (*Sonchus* sp.), Prickly Lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*), Soursob (*Oxalis pes-caprae*), Stinging Nettle (*Urtica urens*), Clover (*Trifolium* sp.), Dock (*Rumex* sp.)

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Name	Julie Vaillancourt
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Signature	
Date	07.08.2025

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General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	21/07/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 27-29
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:					
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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.01 Ha	0 Ha	EPBC Act-listed Threatened Ecological Community (mapped outside Disturbance Area B)
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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## Pre-clearance Survey details

### 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)

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

- 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.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Waypoint ID 19, 20, 21 and 22 (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.

### Weeds

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

### 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:

- Ecologist not required for clearing activities.
- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Flaxleaf Fleabane (*Erigeron bonariensis*), Witch Grass (*Panicum sp.*), Black Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*), Wild Oats (*Avena sp.*), Toowoomba Canary-grass (*Phalaris aquatica*), Slender Pigeon-grass (*Setaria parviflora*), Paspalum (*Paspalum dilatatum*), Bromus sp., Sow Thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*), Drain Flat-sedge (*Cyperus eragrostis*), Brassica sp., Small-flowered Mallow (*Malva parviflora*), Common Dock (*Rumex sp.*), and Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*).

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<b>Ecologist</b>	
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	21/07/2025
<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	07.08.2025

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General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Hannah Roberts Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	04/08/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 29-41
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:					
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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.23	0.11 (mapped within Disturbance Area B)	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological community
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- 0.13 Ha of Critically Endangered BC Act-listed 'White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland and derived native grassland' mapped within Disturbance Area B.
- No exclusion zones required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.
- 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 591B, 25-28, 352-354, 973-983 (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"/>	Required for any additional tree removal.

**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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.

**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:**

- Ecologist required for any tree removal activities.
- 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 weed species: Common Peppergrass (*Lepidium africanum*), Flaxleaf Fleabane (*Erigeron bonariensis*), Sow Thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*), Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), Star Thistle (*Centaurea calcitrapa*), Capeweed (*Arctotheca calendula*), Canary Grass (*Phalaris sp.*), Heliotrope (*Heliotropium sp.*), White Clover (*Trifolium repens*), Flatweed (*Hypochaeris radicata*), Witch Grass (*Panicum sp.*), Black Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*), Wild Oats (*Avena sp.*), Toowoomba Canary-grass (*Phalaris aquatica*), Slender Pigeon-grass (*Setaria parviflora*), Paspalum (*Paspalum dilatatum*), *Bromus sp.*, Small-flowered Mallow (*Malva parviflora*), Common Dock (*Rumex sp.*), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Tree Lucerne (*Cytisus pamensis*).

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Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Hannah Roberts Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	04/08/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 42-44
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:			

**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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Notes:

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- 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 38 (previously cleared).
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

**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:**

- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Ecologist not required for clearing activities.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Flatweed (*Arctotheca calendula*), Hypochaeris (*Hypochaeris radicata*), Clover (*Trifolium* sp.), Burr Medic (*Medicago polymorpha*).

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Pre-clearance Approval	
<b>Ecologist</b>	
Name	Hannah Roberts
Signature	
Date	04/08/2025
<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	07/08/2025

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**General information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	28/05/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 45-46
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:					
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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<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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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- 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. One hollow-bearing tree.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Waypoint ID 277B (previously removed).
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Not required as tree removal has already been completed.

**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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

**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:**

- Ecologist not required for clearing activities.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Flatweed (*Arctotheca canlendula*), Hypochaeris (*Hypochaeris radicata*), Clover (*Trifolium* sp.), and Burr Medic (*Medicago polymorpha*).

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Pre-clearance Approval	
<b>Ecologist</b>	
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	28/05/2025
<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
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Signature	
Date	07.08.2025

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**General information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Hannah Roberts Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	04/08/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 46-56
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:			

**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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Notes:

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- 1.38 Ha of endangered BC Act-Listed TEC '*Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions*' mapped within Disturbance Area B
- 0.19 Ha of critically endangered BC Act-listed '*White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland and derived native grassland*' mapped within Disturbance Area B.
- 0.21 Ha of Superb Parrot habitat mapped within Disturbance Area B.
- Exclusion zones not required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.
- 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 459B-565B, 567B-590B (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.

**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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.

**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:**



- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Ecologist required for any tree removal activities.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Wild Oat (*Avena* sp.), Rye Grass (*Lolium* sp.), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Small-flowered Mallow (*Malva parviflora*), Small Nettle (*Urtica urens*), Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*), *Bromus* sp., Barley Grass (*Hordeum* sp.), White Clover (*Trifolium repens*), Sow Thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*), Flaxleaf Fleabane (*Erigeron bonariensis*), Prickly Lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*), Square-stem St John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), *Heliotropium* sp., Cat's-ear (*Hypochaeris radicata*), Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Onion-grass (*Romulea rosea*), Hare's-foot Clover (*Trifolium arvense*), Paddy Melon (*Cucumis myriocarpus*), Sheep Sorrel (*Acetosella vulgaris*), Common Peppergrass (*Lepidium africanum*), Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), Black Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*), *Brassica* sp., *Vulpia* sp., and various pasture grasses.

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Pre-clearance Approval	
Ecologist	
Name	Hannah Roberts
Signature	
Date	04/08/2025
Elecnor	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
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**General information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Hannah Roberts Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	04/08/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 46-56
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:			

**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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Notes:

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- 1.38 Ha of endangered BC Act-Listed TEC '*Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions*' mapped within Disturbance Area B
- 0.19 Ha of critically endangered BC Act-listed '*White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland and derived native grassland*' mapped within Disturbance Area B.
- 0.21 Ha of Superb Parrot habitat mapped within Disturbance Area B.
- Exclusion zones not required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.
- 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 459B-565B, 567B-590B (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.

**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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.

**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:**

- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Ecologist required for any tree removal activities.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Wild Oat (*Avena* sp.), Rye Grass (*Lolium* sp.), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Small-flowered Mallow (*Malva parviflora*), Small Nettle (*Urtica urens*), Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*), *Bromus* sp., Barley Grass (*Hordeum* sp.), White Clover (*Trifolium repens*), Sow Thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*), Flaxleaf Fleabane (*Erigeron bonariensis*), Prickly Lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*), Square-stem St John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), *Heliotropium* sp., Cat's-ear (*Hypochaeris radicata*), Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Onion-grass (*Romulea rosea*), Hare's-foot Clover (*Trifolium arvense*), Paddy Melon (*Cucumis myriocarpus*), Sheep Sorrel (*Acetosella vulgaris*), Common Peppergrass (*Lepidium africanum*), Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), Black Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*), *Brassica* sp., *Vulpia* sp., and various pasture grasses.

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Pre-clearance Approval	
<b>Ecologist</b>	
Name	Hannah Roberts
Signature	
Date	04/08/2025
<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
Position	Environmental Advisor
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Date	07/08/2025

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**General information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	02/06/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 57-58
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:			

**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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Notes:

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- 0.13 Ha of endangered BC Act-listed TEC 'Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peniplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions' mapped within Disturbance Area B
- Exclusion zones not required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.
- 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. One stick nest.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Waypoint ID 819 (previously cleared)
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Not required as tree removal has already been completed.

**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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.

**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:**

- Ecologist not required for clearing activities.
- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- 0.13 Ha of Squirrel Glider habitat mapped within Disturbance Area B.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Slender Pigeon-grass (*Setaria Parviflora*), Paspalum (*Paspalum dilatum*), Flaxleaf Fleabane (*Erigeron bonariensis*), Wild Oat (*Avena* sp.), Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Sow Thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*), Soursob (*Oxalis pes-caprae*), Small-flowered Mallow (*Malva parviflora*), Giant Nettle (*Urtica dioica*), Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), Barley Grass (*Hordeum* sp.), Paddy Melon (*Cucumis myriocarpus*), Hare's-foot Clover (*Trifolium arvense* var. *arvense*), Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*), Capeweed (*Arctotheca calendula*), Flatweed (*Hypochaeris radicata*), Variegated Thistle (*Silybum marianum*), and Clustered Dock (*Rumex conglomeratus*).

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Pre-clearance Approval	
<b>Ecologist</b>	
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	02/06/2025
<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
Position	Environmental Advisor
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Date	07/08/2025

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