

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



General information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Shane Oates Qualification: Ecologist / FSC
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	5/11/2025 (updated 23/01/2026)
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Survey Extent: T200-150
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	<input type="checkbox"/>		Centreline		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking areas		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Access track (existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Any other details:	Full easement with 15-meter buffer to accommodate for hazard & tall growing trees						
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Habitat for Mossy 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:							
Habitat for Southern Bell Frog - 0.045Ha							
White Cypress Pine open woodland of sand plains, Endangered (TEC_BC_ACT). - 0.001Ha							

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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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Nest boxes required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Fauna Spotter Required due to the presence of Hollow Bearing Trees, Southern Bell Frog Habitat, and Nest Box inspection and possible relocation.

Weeds

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Details: African Boxthorn, (Lycium ferocissimum). Weeds to be managed in accordance with approved Biosecurity Management plan.
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Environmental exclusion zones

Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Southern Bell Frog
Environmental exclusion zones required?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Details: <i>Exclusion zone recommended to be installed prior to construction works commencing.</i>

Unexpected Finds

Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

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Additional comments:

Pre-clearance Approval

Ecologist

Name	Shane Oates
Signature	
Date	23/01/2026

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Name	R Walker-Edwards
Position	Env Manager
Signature	
Date	2/02/2026

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