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Table 1 - Information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Michelle Patrick Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	19/01/2023
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No. Tower / Span No.)	Camp 2 and Laydown 2
Work Package ID	Camp 2

Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

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Infrastructure Surveyed						
Tower Footprint			Centreline			
Break and Winch Site			Parking Areas			
Access Track (existing)			Access Track (new)			
Disturbance Area B			Ot	Other		\boxtimes
Details of Other:	Camp 2 and Laydown 2					
Protected Matters						
Item	Presence Identified		Quantum to	Comments		
	Yes No Clear (Ha)	Clear (Ha)				
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland	\boxtimes			1.47 ha		
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia		\boxtimes				
Weeping Myall Woodlands		\boxtimes				
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains		\boxtimes				
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy		\boxtimes				
Habitat for Chariot Wheels		\boxtimes				
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea		\boxtimes				

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Management measures required to avoid or minimise impacts to Protected Matters:						
Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees						
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Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments: Trees identified and marking to be completed prior to works.			
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments: All trees have GPS recording			
Nest boxes required?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments:			
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments: Fauna Spotter required for any tree removal.			
Weeds						
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes ⊠	No □	Details: See details below. No WONS just high priority weeds			
Unexpected Finds						
Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:			
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes ⊠	No □	Details:			
Environmental Exclusion Zones						
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:			
Environmental exclusion zones demarcated?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details: Not required for this scope of work.			
Additional Comments						
Identified TEC - White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland (PCT 277) has been identified in patches in Camp 2 and will be impacted when the construction of the Camp 2 commences.						
High Threat Weeds include:						
Great Brome (<i>Bromus diandrus</i>)						
Umbrella sedge (<i>Cyperus eragrostis</i>)						
Bathurst Burr (Xanthium spinosum)						
Paspalum (<i>Paspalum dilatatum</i>)						
Saffron Thistle (Carthamus lanatus)						

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Table 3 – Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist			
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months		
Name	Michelle Patrick		
Signature	Michaele Matrick		
Date	23/01/2023		
SecureEnergy JV			
Name	Sarah Klocke		
Position	Senior Environmental Advisor		
Signature	Sarak Llocke		
Date	25/01/2023		