

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 8-9
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 ^{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 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:

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

- 1.52 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 and stick nests.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Waypoint ID 783, 784, 786, 787 and 788 (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 clearing activities.
- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Dock (*Rumex* sp.) and Patterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*).

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Pre-clearance Approval	
Ecologist	
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	24/06/2025
Elecnor	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	26.06.2025

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- 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:
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- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
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- Additional weed species: Paspalum (*Paspalum dilatatum*), Black Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*).

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