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Table 1 - Information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Shane Oates Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	20/12/2023
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L2 AP 2014a
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed access point
Work Package ID	Abbotts tank road

Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint		Cer	treline		
Break and Winch Site		Par	king Areas		
Access Track (existing)		Acc	ess Track (new)		
Disturbance Area B		Oth	er	\boxtimes	
Details of Other:	AP 2014a Abbotts to		ank road		
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence Identified		Quantum to	Comments	
	Yes	No	Clear (Ha)		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland ¹²					
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ¹²					
Weeping Myall Woodlands 12		\boxtimes			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ¹²		×			
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions ²		×			
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion ²		\boxtimes			
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions ²		\boxtimes			
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains ²					

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Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) ²					
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa wakoolica) ²					
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ¹²		\boxtimes			
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid ²		\boxtimes			
Habitat for A burr-daisy ²		\boxtimes			
Habitat for Winged Peppercross ¹		\boxtimes			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels 12		\boxtimes			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea 12		\boxtimes			
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea ²		\boxtimes			
Habitat for Plains Wanderer 12		\boxtimes			
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) 12					
Habitat for Superb Parrot ¹²		\boxtimes			
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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Environmental Exclusion Zones				
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:	
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:	
Unexpected Finds				
Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:	
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:	
Additional Comments				
High threat weeds:				
Paddy Melon (Cucumis myriocarpus)				
Saffron thistle (Carthamus lanatus)				
Weeds to be managed in accordance with approved Biosecurity Management plan.				

Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	6 months
Name	Shane Oates
Signature	
Date	21/12/23
SecureEnergy	
Name	Catherine Curlewis
Position	Environmental Manager
Signature	CA
Date	21/12/2023