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#### **Table 1 - Information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Dan Paje and Justine On Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	26/06/2023
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Access Point 5069
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area
	In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed tower location
Work Package ID	Access Point (L5)

#### 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			er	$\boxtimes$	
Details of Other:	Access Point 5069				
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 <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Weeping Myall Woodlands 12		$\boxtimes$			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions <sup>2</sup>		×			
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion <sup>2</sup>		×			
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains <sup>2</sup>		×			

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Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) <sup>2</sup>			
metatorisj		$\boxtimes$	
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa wakoolica) <sup>2</sup>		×	
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy 12		$\boxtimes$	
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$	
Habitat for A burr-daisy <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$	
Habitat for Winged Peppercross <sup>1</sup>		$\boxtimes$	
Habitat for Chariot Wheels 12		$\boxtimes$	
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea 12		$\boxtimes$	
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$	
Habitat for Plains Wanderer 12		$\boxtimes$	
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) 12		$\boxtimes$	
Habitat for Superb Parrot <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$	
Notes: 1 Protected matter listed within the Notification 2 Protected matter listed within the Revised Bio	of Approval Ene diversity Develo	rgyConnect NS	SW – Eastern Section (EPBC 2020/8766) ment Report (August 2022)
<ul> <li>No additional mitigation measure approved Biodiversity Managem</li> </ul>		learing work	s to be completed in accordance with the
Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees			
Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	Comments: Suitable Habitat – Hollow bearing tree. No evidence of fauna.
Habitat trees and habitat features	Yes ⊠ Yes ⊠	No 🗆	
Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees			bearing tree. No evidence of fauna.
Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes ⊠	No □	bearing tree. No evidence of fauna.  Comments: Waypoint 001B
Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?  Nest boxes required?  Fauna spotter required to be present	Yes ⊠	No □	bearing tree. No evidence of fauna.  Comments: Waypoint 001B  Comments:

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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			
	ce with app	roved Biose chium planta	curity Management Plan. egineum), Black Nightshade (Solanum Lovegrass ( <i>Eragrostis curvula</i> ), and

#### Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	1 month
Name	Dan Paje
Signature	
Date	26/06/2023
SecureEnergy	
Name	Glenn Hayden
Position	Senior Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	18/07/2023