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Table 1 - Information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli, Scott Rolph Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	16/12/2023
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Camp 3 Water-fill Point (Gilbert Road)
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area. In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed disturbance area.
Work Package ID	L5 Ecology – Pre-clearance surveys

Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint		Ce	ntreline		
Break and Winch Site		Pa	rking Areas		
Access Track (existing)			cess Track (new)		
Disturbance Area B	□ Oth		her	\boxtimes	
Details of Other:	Water-fill Point				
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence Identified			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		\boxtimes			
Weeping Myall Woodlands 12		\boxtimes			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ¹²		\boxtimes			
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions ²		\boxtimes			
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		\boxtimes			

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Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) ²					
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa wakoolica) ²		\boxtimes			
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					
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea ²		\boxtimes			
Habitat for Plains Wanderer 12		\boxtimes			
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) 12		\boxtimes			
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)					
 No additional mitigation measures Biodiversity Management Plan. 	required. Clea	aring works to	be managed in accordance with the approved		
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Biodiversity Management Plan.	required. Clea	nring works to	be managed in accordance with the approved Comments:		
Biodiversity Management Plan. Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees Habitat trees and habitat features					
Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked? GPS coordinates and habitat trees	Yes 🗆	No ⊠	Comments:		
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Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked? GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded? Nest boxes required? Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	No ⊠ No ⊠	Comments: Comments:		
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Unexpected Finds			
Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:

Additional Comments

- Ecologist not required for clearing activities
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Wild Oat (*Avena* sp.), Common Dock (*Rumex* sp.), Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Sow Thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*), Drain Flat-sedge (*Cyperus eragrostis*).

Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	16/12/2023
SecureEnergy	
Name	Catherine Curlewis
Position	Environmental Manager
Signature	Color III
Date	08/01/2024