

# Project EnergyConnect (NSW - Eastern Section) Ecology Pre-Clearance Survey Report



General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Scott Rolph, Hannah Roberts, Madeleine Cicchelli Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	16/01/2026
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	<b>Survey Extent:</b> T1-50
Scope methodology	<b>Desktop Survey:</b> A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. <b>Infield Survey:</b> The in-field survey encompassed the full easement, including a 15-metre buffer on both sides of B10.

Pre-clearance Survey details					
Infrastructure surveyed					
Tower footprint	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centreline			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brake and winch site, OPGW, EPZ, hurdle and/or crane pad site	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking areas			<input type="checkbox"/>
Access track (existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)			<input type="checkbox"/>
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Any other details:	Full easement with 15-meter buffer to accommodate for hazard & tall growing trees				
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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.21 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.48 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Notes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Critically endangered BC Act TEC <i>White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland</i> identified within the surveyed area.</li></ul>					

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

- Endangered BC Act TEC *Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions* identified within the surveyed area.

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

- Exclusion zones not required as clearing has already occurred within the easement.
- No additional mitigation measure 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: Hollow-bearing trees and nests identified (includes initial pre-clearance surveys marked with GPS and incidental observations recorded on Field Maps). All trees to be re-assessed by ecologists prior to clearing due to the high likelihood of new nests being established since initial pre-clearance surveys.  Additional violation trees marked for pruning or removal by ENSPEC have been assessed based on in-field and prior GIS data and identified as containing habitat.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Total of 227 existing GPS waypoints recorded during pre-clearance surveys between Tower 1-50 (includes trees previously removed).  Three additional violation trees identified have the following ENSPEC IDs: 24-26; as well as nine trees that lack ENSPEC IDs (total of 12 violation trees).
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Nest boxes previously installed.
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Pre-inspection of all trees by an ecologist required prior to tree trimming and/or removal.  Pre-inspection of all grassland habitat by an ecologist required before any ground stripping activities (including PCT 0).  Ecologist required during removal of any hollow-bearing and/or nest trees.  Ecologist required during ground stripping activities (only required in PCT 0 if suitable fauna habitat is identified by an ecologist during pre-inspection).

**Weeds**

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Blackberry ( <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> sp. agg.) - Tower 1-2, 13-18
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**Environmental exclusion zones**

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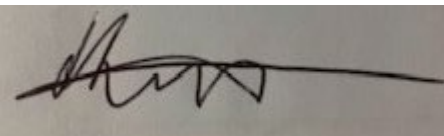
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Pre-clearance Survey details			
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Grey-headed Flying-fox ( <i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i> ) (EPBC and BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 3-4 Superb Parrot ( <i>Polytelis swainsonii</i> ) (EPBC and BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 33-34 Grey-crowned Babbler ( <i>Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 4-5 White-fronted Chat ( <i>Epthianura albifrons</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 5-6 Flame Robin ( <i>Petroica phoenicea</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 14-15, 24-25, 39-40 Scarlet Robin ( <i>Petroica boodang</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 19-20 Black Falcon ( <i>Falco subniger</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 29-30
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to prior clearing within easement.
<b>Unexpected Finds</b>			
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:
<b>Additional comments:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ecologist required for pre-inspection of all vegetation prior to removal (ground stripping and tree trimming/removal).</li> <li>- Ecologist required during removal of all vegetation (excludes non-habitat trees, cropped and/or pasture paddocks, and grassland with no habitat features identified during ecologist pre-inspection).</li> <li>- Ecologist required for pre-inspection prior to removal or relocation of log piles or large hollow-bearing logs (if logs have remained in-situ for four (4) weeks or longer).</li> <li>- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.</li> <li>- Squirrel Glider habitat mapped within Disturbance Area B (Tower 1-2).</li> <li>- Assumed species presence Small Scurf Pea (<i>Cullen parvum</i>) (Tower 1-2, 8-11, 13-14, 24-25, 33-34, 37-38).</li> <li>- Assumed species presence Superb Parrot (Tower 24-25, 47-48).</li> <li>- Hollow-bearing limbs/logs to be retained as fauna habitat where possible.</li> <li>- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.</li> </ul>			

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Pre-clearance Approval	
<b>Ecologist</b>	
Name	Hannah Roberts
Signature	
Date	16/01/2026
<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Keeley Hartzer
Position	Environmental Advisor - Biodiversity
Signature	
Date	16/01/2026

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Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	16/01/2026
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	<b>Survey Extent:</b> T50-100
Scope methodology	<b>Desktop Survey:</b> A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. <b>Infield Survey:</b> The in-field survey encompassed the full easement, including a 15-metre buffer on both sides of B10.

Pre-clearance Survey details					
Infrastructure surveyed					
Tower footprint	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centreline			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brake and winch site, OPGW, EPZ, hurdle and/or crane pad site	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking areas			<input type="checkbox"/>
Access track (existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)			<input type="checkbox"/>
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Any other details:	Full easement with 15-meter buffer to accommodate for hazard & tall growing trees				
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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.60 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.45 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Notes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Critically endangered BC Act TEC <i>White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland</i> identified within the surveyed area.</li></ul>					

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- Exclusion zones not required as clearing has already occurred within the easement.
- No additional mitigation measure 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: Hollow-bearing trees and nests identified (includes initial pre-clearance surveys marked with GPS and incidental observations recorded on Field Maps). All trees to be re-assessed by ecologists prior to clearing due to the high likelihood of new nests being established since initial pre-clearance surveys.  Additional violation trees marked for pruning or removal by ENSPEC have been assessed based on in-field and prior GIS data and identified as containing habitat.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Total of 217 existing GPS waypoints recorded during pre-clearance surveys between Tower 50-100 (includes trees previously removed)  Six additional violation trees identified have the following ENSPEC IDs: 2, 13, 16, 27, 48, 107; as well as 12 trees that lack ENSPEC IDs (total of 18 violation trees).
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Nest boxes previously installed.
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Pre-inspection of all trees by an ecologist required prior to tree trimming and/or removal.  Pre-inspection of all grassland habitat by an ecologist required before any ground stripping activities (including PCT 0).  Ecologist required during removal of any hollow-bearing and/or nest trees.  Ecologist required during ground stripping activities (only required in PCT 0 if suitable fauna habitat is identified by an ecologist during pre-inspection).
<b>Weeds</b>			
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details:  Silverleaf Nightshade ( <i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i> ) - Tower 90-91

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

**Environmental exclusion zones**

Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Flame Robin ( <i>Petroica phoenicea</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 89-90 Spotted Harrier ( <i>Circus assimilis</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 70-71 Brown Treecreeper ( <i>Climacteris picumnus victoriae</i> ) (EPBC and BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 90-91
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to prior clearing within easement.

**Unexpected Finds**


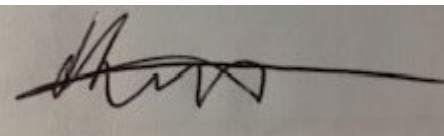
Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

**Additional comments:**

- Ecologist required for pre-inspection of all vegetation prior to removal (ground stripping and tree trimming/removal).
- Ecologist required during removal of all vegetation (excludes non-habitat trees, cropped and/or pasture paddocks, and grassland with no habitat features identified during ecologist pre-inspection).
- Ecologist required for pre-inspection prior to removal or relocation of log piles or large hollow-bearing logs (if logs have remained in-situ for four (4) weeks or longer).
- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Squirrel Glider habitat mapped within Disturbance Area B (Tower 56-57, 59-60, 62-63, 71-72, 83-84, 85-86, 90-91, 94-96).
- Assumed species presence Small Scurf Pea (*Cullen parvum*) (Tower 71-72).
- Assumed species presence Superb Parrot (Tower 76-77, 94-95).
- Assumed species presence Barking Owl (*Ninox connivens*) (Tower 90-91)
- Hollow-bearing limbs/logs to be retained as fauna habitat where possible.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.

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Ecologist	
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Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	16/01/2026
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	<b>Survey Extent:</b> T100-150
Scope methodology	<b>Desktop Survey:</b> A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. <b>Infield Survey:</b> The in-field survey encompassed the full easement, including a 15-metre buffer on both sides of B10.

Pre-clearance Survey details					
Infrastructure surveyed					
Tower footprint	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centreline			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brake and winch site, OPGW, EPZ, hurdle and/or crane pad site	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking areas			<input type="checkbox"/>
Access track (existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)			<input type="checkbox"/>
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Any other details:	Full easement with 15-meter buffer to accommodate for hazard & tall growing trees				
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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20.07 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.26 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Notes:					
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**Management measures required to avoid or minimise impacts to Protected Matters:**

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**Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees**

Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Hollow-bearing trees and nests identified (includes initial pre-clearance surveys marked with GPS and incidental observations recorded on Field Maps). All trees to be re-assessed by ecologists prior to clearing due to the high likelihood of new nests being established since initial pre-clearance surveys.  Additional violation trees marked for pruning or removal by ENSPEC have been assessed based on in-field and prior GIS data and identified as containing habitat.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Total of 297 existing GPS waypoints recorded during pre-clearance surveys between Tower 100-150 (includes trees previously removed).  Eight additional violation trees identified have the following ENSPEC IDs: 4, 6, 15, 28, 29, 32, 38, 104; as well as 15 trees that lack ENSPEC IDs (total of 23 violation trees).
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Nest boxes previously installed.
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Pre-inspection of all trees by an ecologist required prior to tree trimming and/or removal.  Pre-inspection of all grassland habitat by an ecologist required before any ground stripping activities (including PCT 0).  Ecologist required during removal of any hollow-bearing and/or nest trees.  Ecologist required during ground stripping activities (only required in PCT 0 if suitable fauna habitat is identified by an ecologist during pre-inspection).

**Weeds**

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: African Boxthorn ( <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> ) - Tower 120-121, 132-133, 139-140, 149-150
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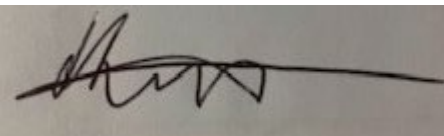


Pre-clearance Survey details			
<b>Environmental exclusion zones</b>			
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Spotted Harrier ( <i>Circus assimilis</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 143-144 Superb Parrot ( <i>Polytelis swainsonii</i> ) (EPBC and BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 103-104, 108-109, 110-111, 120-121, 130-131, 140-141, 143-144 Grey-crowned Babbler ( <i>Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 111-112, 119-121, 130-131, 132-133, 139-140, 143-144, 146-147, 149-150 Black Falcon ( <i>Falco subniger</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 118-11 Square-tailed Kite ( <i>Lophoictinia isura</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 130-131
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to prior clearing within easement.
<b>Unexpected Finds</b>			
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:
<b>Additional comments:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ecologist required for pre-inspection of all vegetation prior to removal (ground stripping and tree trimming/removal).</li> <li>- Ecologist required during removal of all vegetation (excludes non-habitat trees, cropped and/or pasture paddocks, and grassland with no habitat features identified during ecologist pre-inspection).</li> <li>- Ecologist required for pre-inspection prior to removal or relocation of log piles or large hollow-bearing logs (if logs have remained in-situ for four (4) weeks or longer).</li> <li>- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.</li> <li>- Squirrel Glider habitat mapped within Disturbance Area B (Tower 108-109, 110-115, 119-121, 126-127, 129-133, 139-141, 144-148, 149-150).</li> <li>- Assumed species presence Small Scurf Pea (<i>Cullen parvum</i>) (Tower 142-144).</li> <li>- Assumed species presence Superb Parrot (Tower 100-101, 110-112, 142-144).</li> <li>- Hollow-bearing limbs/logs to be retained as fauna habitat where possible.</li> <li>- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.</li> </ul>			

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Access track (existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Any other details:	Full easement with 15-meter buffer to accommodate for hazard & tall growing trees				
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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	43.09 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.30 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.50 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

**Notes:**

- Critically endangered BC Act TEC *White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland* identified within the surveyed area.
- Endangered BC Act TEC *Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions* identified within the surveyed area.
- Critically Endangered BC Act TEC *Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains* identified within the surveyed area

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

- Exclusion zones not required as clearing has already occurred within the easement.
- No additional mitigation measure 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: Hollow-bearing trees and nests identified (includes initial pre-clearance surveys marked with GPS and incidental observations recorded on Field Maps). All trees to be re-assessed by ecologists prior to clearing due to the high likelihood of new nests being established since initial pre-clearance surveys.  Additional violation trees marked for pruning or removal by ENSPEC have been assessed based on in-field and prior GIS data and identified as containing habitat.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Total of 252 existing GPS waypoints recorded during pre-clearance surveys between Tower 150-200 (includes trees previously removed)  Nine additional violation trees identified have the following ENSPEC IDs: 5, 9, 10, 14, 34, 37, 39, 42, 57; as well as 11 trees that lack ENSPEC IDs (total of 20 violation trees).
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Nest boxes previously installed.
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Pre-inspection of all trees by an ecologist required prior to tree trimming and/or removal.  Pre-inspection of all grassland habitat by an ecologist required before any ground stripping activities (including PCT 0).  Ecologist required during removal of any hollow-bearing and/or nest trees.

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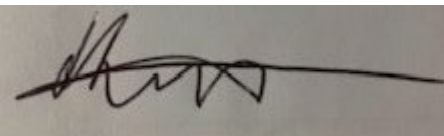


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			Ecologist required during ground stripping activities (only required in PCT 0 if suitable fauna habitat is identified by an ecologist during pre-inspection).
<b>Weeds</b>			
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: African Boxthorn ( <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> ) - Tower 164-165, 168-169, 192-193
<b>Environmental exclusion zones</b>			
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Spotted Harrier ( <i>Circus assimilis</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 172-173, 195-196, 197-199 Superb Parrot ( <i>Polytelis swainsonii</i> ) (EPBC and BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 155-156 Grey-crowned Babbler ( <i>Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 161-164, 192-193 White-fronted Chat ( <i>Epthianura albifrons</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 172-173, 181-183, 188-189 Flame Robin ( <i>Petroica phoenicea</i> ) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 184-185, 198-199 Southern Whiteface ( <i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i> ) (EPBC and BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 198-200
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to prior clearing within easement.
<b>Unexpected Finds</b>			
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:
<b>Additional comments:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ecologist required for pre-inspection of all vegetation prior to removal (ground stripping and tree trimming/removal).</li> <li>- Ecologist required during removal of all vegetation (excludes non-habitat trees, cropped and/or pasture paddocks, and grassland with no habitat features identified during ecologist pre-inspection).</li> <li>- Ecologist required for pre-inspection prior to removal or relocation of log piles or large hollow-bearing logs (if logs have remained in-situ for four (4) weeks or longer).</li> <li>- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.</li> <li>- Squirrel Glider habitat mapped within Disturbance Area B (Tower 150-165, 191-200).</li> <li>- Assumed species presence Superb Parrot (Tower 176-177).</li> <li>- Hollow-bearing limbs/logs to be retained as fauna habitat where possible.</li> <li>- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.</li> </ul>			

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Pre-clearance Approval	
Ecologist	
Name	Hannah Roberts
Signature	
Date	16/01/2026
Elecnor	
Name	Keeley Hartzer
Position	Environmental Advisor - Biodiversity
Signature	
Date	16/01/2026



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General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Scott Rolph, Hannah Roberts, Madeleine Cicchelli Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	16/01/2026
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	<b>Survey Extent:</b> T200-250
Scope methodology	<b>Desktop Survey:</b> A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. <b>Infield Survey:</b> The in-field survey encompassed the full easement, including a 15-metre buffer on both sides of B10.

Pre-clearance Survey details					
Infrastructure surveyed					
Tower footprint	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centreline		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Brake and winch site, OPGW, EPZ, hurdle and/or crane pad site	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking areas		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access track (existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Any other details:	Full easement with 15-meter buffer to accommodate for hazard & tall growing trees				
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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.31 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.10 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	187.92 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	34.40 Ha		Mapped vegetation, species identified (Tower 228-231: including

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					additional disturbance areas)
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	135.70 Ha		Mapped vegetation, species identified (Tower 223-237, 248-250; including additional disturbance areas)

**Notes:**

- Critically endangered BC Act TEC *White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland* identified within the surveyed area.
- Endangered BC Act TEC *Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Penepplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions* identified within the surveyed area.
- Critically Endangered BC Act TEC *Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains* identified within the surveyed area

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

- Exclusion zones not required in TECs as clearing has already occurred within the easement.
- Exclusion zones required in Plains Wanderer habitat and Special Biodiversity Zone.
- All works within mapped Plains Wanderer habitat are to be undertaken in accordance with the Plains Wanderer Protocol and in consultation with the project ecologist.
- During clearing an ecologist shall be on site at all times to monitor activities within special biodiversity protection zones as per Biodiversity Management Plan.
- No additional mitigation measure 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: Hollow-bearing trees and nests identified (includes initial pre-clearance surveys marked with GPS and incidental observations recorded on Field Maps). All trees to be re-assessed by ecologists prior to clearing due to the high likelihood of new nests being established since initial pre-clearance surveys.  Additional violation trees marked for pruning or removal by ENSPEC have been assessed based on in-field and prior GIS data and identified as containing habitat.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Total of 125 existing GPS waypoints recorded during pre-clearance surveys between Tower 200-250 (includes trees previously removed).  Nine additional violation trees identified have the following ENSPEC IDs: 8, 7, 36, 41, 51, 52, 53, 115, 132; as well as nine trees that lack ENSPEC IDs (total of 18 violation trees).
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Nest boxes previously installed.

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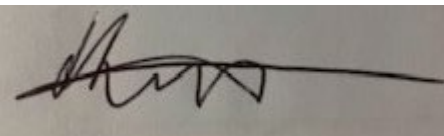
Pre-clearance Survey details			
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Comments: Pre-inspection of all trees by an ecologist required prior to tree trimming and/or removal.</p> <p>Pre-inspection of all grassland habitat by an ecologist required before any ground stripping activities (including PCT 0).</p> <p>Ecologist required during removal of any hollow-bearing and/or nest trees.</p> <p>Ecologist required during ground stripping activities (only required in PCT 0 if suitable fauna habitat is identified by an ecologist during pre-inspection).</p> <p>Pre-inspection of identified Plains Wanderer habitat required by an ecologist prior to all works.</p>
<b>Weeds</b>			
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Details:</p> <p>African Boxthorn (<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>) - Tower 208-210</p>
<b>Environmental exclusion zones</b>			
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Details:</p> <p>Spotted Harrier (<i>Circus assimilis</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 201-202, 225-226</p> <p>White-fronted Chat (<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 228-234</p> <p>Little Eagle (<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 203-204</p> <p>Black Falcon (<i>Falco subniger</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 242-243, 246-247</p> <p>Winged Peppergrass (<i>Lepidium monoplacoides</i>) (EPBC and BC Act-listed as Endangered) - Tower 243-245</p>
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Details: Exclusion zones only required for Plains Wanderer habitat and Special Biodiversity Zone.</p>
<b>Unexpected Finds</b>			
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:
<b>Additional comments:</b>			

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- Ecologist required for pre-inspection of all vegetation prior to removal (ground stripping and tree trimming/removal).
- Ecologist required during removal of all vegetation (excludes non-habitat trees, cropped and/or pasture paddocks, and grassland with no habitat features identified during ecologist pre-inspection).
- Ecologist required for pre-inspection prior to removal or relocation of log piles or large hollow-bearing logs (if logs have remained in-situ for four (4) weeks or longer).
- Ecologist required during all works in Plains Wanderer habitat (Tower 223-225, 242-243) and Special Biodiversity Zone (Tower 226-234)
- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Squirrel Glider habitat mapped within Disturbance Area B (Tower 203-205).
- Assumed species presence Superb Parrot (Tower 245-249).
- Assumed species presence Small Scurf Pea (*Cullen parvum*) (Tower 223-225, 226-228, 238-241, 243-249).
- Hollow-bearing limbs/logs to be retained as fauna habitat where possible.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.

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Pre-clearance Approval	
Ecologist	
Name	Hannah Roberts
Signature	
Date	16/01/2026
Elecnor	
Name	Keeley Hartzer
Position	Environmental Advisor - Biodiversity
Signature	
Date	16/01/2026

# 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 and Hannah Roberts Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	16/01/2026
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	<b>Survey Extent:</b> T250 - 300
Scope methodology	<b>Desktop Survey:</b> A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. <b>Infield Survey:</b> The in-field survey encompassed the full easement, including a 15-metre buffer on both sides of B10.

Pre-clearance Survey details					
Infrastructure surveyed					
Tower footprint	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centreline		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Brake and winch site, OPGW, EPZ, hurdle and/or crane pad site	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking areas		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access track (existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Any other details:	Full easement with 15-meter buffer to accommodate for hazard & tall growing trees				
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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.30 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	179.90 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.36 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including

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					additional disturbance areas)
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	67.35 Ha		Mapped vegetation, species identified (Tower 253-258, 267-268, 269-274, 275-277, 280-281; including additional disturbance areas)
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critically endangered BC Act TEC <i>Weeping Myall Woodlands</i> identified within the surveyed area.</li> <li>Critically endangered BC Act TEC <i>Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains</i> identified within the surveyed area.</li> <li>Critically endangered BC Act TEC <i>Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains</i> identified within the surveyed area.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Management measures required to avoid or minimise impacts to Protected Matters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exclusion zones not required in TECs as clearing has already occurred within the easement.</li> <li>Exclusion zones required in Plains Wanderer habitat.</li> <li>All works within mapped Plains Wanderer habitat are to be undertaken in accordance with the Plains Wanderer Protocol and in consultation with the project ecologist.</li> <li>No additional mitigation measure required. Clearing works to be managed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.</li> </ul>					
Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees					
Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Comments: Hollow-bearing trees and nests identified (includes initial pre-clearance surveys marked with GPS and incidental observations recorded on Field Maps). All trees to be re-assessed by ecologists prior to clearing due to the high likelihood of new nests being established since initial pre-clearance surveys.</p> <p>Additional violation trees marked for pruning or removal by ENSPEC have been assessed based on in-field and prior GIS data and identified as containing habitat.</p>		
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Comments: Total of 87 existing GPS waypoints recorded during pre-clearance surveys between Tower 250-300 (includes trees previously removed)</p> <p>Eight additional violation trees identified have the following ENSPEC IDs: 49, 50, 121, 122, 125, 126, 127, 128; as well as two trees that lack ENSPEC IDs (total of 10 violation trees).</p>		
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Comments: Nest boxes previously installed.</p>		

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Pre-clearance Survey details			
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Comments: Pre-inspection of all trees by an ecologist required prior to tree trimming and/or removal.</p> <p>Pre-inspection of all grassland habitat by an ecologist required before any ground stripping activities (including PCT 0).</p> <p>Ecologist required during removal of any hollow-bearing and/or nest trees.</p> <p>Ecologist required during ground stripping activities (only required in PCT 0 if suitable fauna habitat is identified by an ecologist during pre-inspection).</p> <p>Pre-inspection of identified Plains Wanderer habitat required by an ecologist prior to all works.</p>
<b>Weeds</b>			
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Details:</p> <p>African Boxthorn (<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>) - Tower 271, 274-279, 280, 282-286, 288-292, 295-300</p>
<b>Environmental exclusion zones</b>			
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Details:</p> <p>Grey-crowned Babbler (<i>Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 257</p> <p>White-fronted Chat (<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 252-253</p> <p>Flame Robin (<i>Petroica phoenicea</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 296</p> <p>White-bellied Sea-eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 288</p>
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Exclusion zones only required for Plains Wanderer habitat.
<b>Unexpected Finds</b>			
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:
<b>Additional comments:</b>			


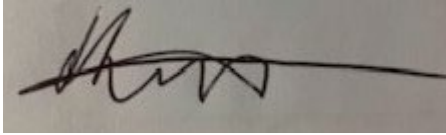


### Pre-clearance Survey details

- Ecologist required for pre-inspection of all vegetation prior to removal (ground stripping and tree trimming/removal).
- Ecologist required during removal of all vegetation (excludes non-habitat trees, cropped and/or pasture paddocks, and grassland with no habitat features identified during ecologist pre-inspection).
- Ecologist required for pre-inspection prior to removal or relocation of log piles or large hollow-bearing logs (if logs have remained in-situ for four (4) weeks or longer).
- Ecologist required during all works in Plains Wanderer habitat (Tower 267-268, 271-272, 279-280, 282-284, 285-286).
- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Assumed species presence Small Scurf Pea (*Cullen parvum*) (Tower 253-256, 269-275, 282-284, 299-300).
- Assumed species presence Superb Parrot (Tower 279-279A).
- Hollow-bearing limbs/logs to be retained as fauna habitat where possible.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.

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Pre-clearance Approval	
<b>Ecologist</b>	
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	16/01/2026
<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Keeley Hartzer
Position	Environmental Advisor - Biodiversity
Signature	
Date	16/01/2026

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General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli and Hannah Roberts Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	16/01/2026
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	<b>Survey Extent:</b> T300 - Dinawan Substation
Scope methodology	<b>Desktop Survey:</b> A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. <b>Infield Survey:</b> The in-field survey encompassed the full easement, including a 15-metre buffer on both sides of B10.

Pre-clearance Survey details					
Infrastructure surveyed					
Tower footprint	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centreline		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Brake and winch site, OPGW, EPZ, hurdle and/or crane pad site	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking areas		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access track (existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Any other details:	Full easement with 15-meter buffer to accommodate for hazard & tall growing trees				
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 <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.02 Ha		EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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Pre-clearance Survey details			
Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critically endangered BC Act TEC <i>Weeping Myall Woodlands</i> identified within the surveyed area.</li> </ul>			
<b>Management measures required to avoid or minimise impacts to Protected Matters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exclusion zones not required as clearing has already occurred within the easement.</li> <li>No additional mitigation measure required. Clearing works to be managed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.</li> </ul>			
Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees			
Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Hollow-bearing trees and nests identified (includes initial pre-clearance surveys marked with GPS and incidental observations recorded on Field Maps). All trees to be re-assessed by ecologists prior to clearing due to the high likelihood of new nests being established since initial pre-clearance surveys.  Additional violation trees marked for pruning or removal by ENSPEC have been assessed based on in-field and prior GIS data and identified as containing habitat.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Total of 269 existing GPS waypoints recorded during pre-clearance surveys between Tower 300 and Dinawan Substation (includes trees previously removed)  Four additional violation trees identified have the following ENSPEC IDs: 1, 12, 18, 19.
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Nest boxes previously installed.
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Pre-inspection of all trees by an ecologist required prior to tree trimming and/or removal.  Pre-inspection of all grassland habitat by an ecologist required before any ground stripping activities (including PCT 0).  Ecologist required during removal of any hollow-bearing and/or nest trees.  Ecologist required during ground stripping activities (only required in PCT 0 if suitable fauna habitat is identified by an ecologist during pre-inspection).
Weeds			
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: African Boxthorn ( <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> ) - Tower 312, 330 and Dinawan Substation.
Environmental exclusion zones			

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Details:</p> <p>Grey-crowned Babbler (<i>Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 319, Dinawan Substation</p> <p>White-fronted Chat (<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 331-332</p> <p>Spotted Harrier (<i>Circus assimilis</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Dinawan Substation</p> <p>Little Eagle (<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 314</p> <p>Brown Treecreeper (<i>Climacteris picumnus victoriae</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 300-301</p> <p>Slender Darling Pea (<i>Swainsona murrayana</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 301-310</p> <p>Winged Peppercross (<i>Lepidium monoplocodies</i>) (BC Act-listed as Endangered) - Tower 303</p>
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details: Not required due to prior clearing within easement.

**Unexpected Finds**


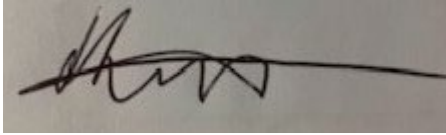
Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

**Additional comments:**

- Ecologist required for pre-inspection of all vegetation prior to removal (ground stripping and tree trimming/removal).
- Ecologist required during removal of all vegetation (excludes non-habitat trees, cropped and/or pasture paddocks, and grassland with no habitat features identified during ecologist pre-inspection).
- Ecologist required for pre-inspection prior to removal or relocation of log piles or large hollow-bearing logs (if logs have remained in-situ for four (4) weeks or longer).
- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Assumed species presence and breeding habitat for Superb Parrot (Dinawan Substation).
- Assumed species presence Small Scurf Pea (*Cullen parvum*) (Tower 300-301).
- Assumed species presence Silky Swainson-pea (*Swainsona sericea*) (Tower 325 to Dinawan Substation).
- Assumed species presence Eastern Annual Buttons (*Leptorhynchos orientalis*) (Tower 325 to Dinawan Substation).
- Assumed species presence A Spear Grass (*Austrostipa wakoolica*) (Tower 325 to Dinawan Substation).
- Hollow-bearing limbs/logs to be retained as fauna habitat where possible.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.

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