

**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(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.

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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	0.08Ha	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	0Ha	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community (including additional disturbance areas)
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0Ha	
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	187.92 Ha	0.01Ha	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	0Ha	Mapped vegetation, species identified (Tower 228-231: including

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Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0Ha	
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	135.70 Ha	0Ha	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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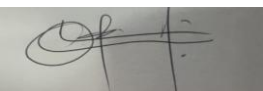
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Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Comments: Pre-inspection of all trees by an ecologist required prior to tree trimming and/or removal.</p> <p>Pre-inspection 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	
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Signature	
Date	16/01/2026
<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Oluwatobi Aina
Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	01/02/2026