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Table 1 - Information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Dan Paje and Berino Lorio Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	19/11/2023
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Access Point 5056
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed AP location
Work Package ID	Access Tracks (L5)

Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint		Се	Centreline		
Break and Winch Site		Pai	Parking Areas		
Access Track (existing)		Aco	Access Track (new)		
Disturbance Area B		Oth	Other		\boxtimes
Details of Other:	Access Point 5056				
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence Identif			Comments	
	Yes	No	Clear (Ha)		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland ¹²		\boxtimes			
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		\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		X			
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) ²		\boxtimes			

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Habitat for A spear-grass (<i>austrostipa</i> 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		\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)						
Management measures required to avo	id or minir	nise impacts	s to Protected Matters:			
No additional mitigation measures required. Clearing works to be completed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan						
Hollow Bearing / Habitat Tree						
Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes □	No ⊠	Comments:			
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Additional Comments

- Cropped areas adjoining modified vegetation in road reserve.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with approved Biosecurity Management Plan.
- No ecologist required during clearing activities.
- No additional mitigation measures required. Clearing works to be completed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: African Lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*), Paspalum (*Paspalum* sp.), Dock (*Rumex* sp.), Witchgrass (*Panicum capillare*), Horseweed (*Erigeron canadensis*), Flaxleaf Fleabane (*Conzya bonariensis*), Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*).

Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Dan Paje
Signature	
Date	19/11/2023
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Name	Glenn Hayden
Position	Senior Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	19.11.2023