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



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

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Shane Oates Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	13/01/2024
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L2 Access Point 2019 and Track (Mylatchie)
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area  In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed access point
Work Package ID	Access Tracks (L2) and Access Points (L2)

### Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

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Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint		Cei	ntreline		
Break and Winch Site		Par	king Areas		
Access Track (existing)	$\boxtimes$	Acc	ess Track (new		
Disturbance Area B			er		
Details of Other:					
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence Identifie		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 <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>12</sup>		×			
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>	×		0.01Ha		
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>		$\boxtimes$			

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Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) <sup>2</sup>					
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Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
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 <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Habitat for Plains Wanderer <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) <sup>12</sup>					
Habitat for Superb Parrot <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
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 avoid or minimise impacts to Protected Matters:				
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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			
High threat weeds: Variegated Thistle (Silybum marianum). Saffron thistle (Carthamus lanatus) Weeds to be managed in accordance with a	approved Bi	osecurity Ma	anagement plan.

### Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	6 Months
Name	Shane Oates
Signature	
Date	15/01/2024
SecureEnergy	
Name	Sarah Klocke
Position	Senior Environmental Advisor
Signature	Sarah Xlocke
Date	24/01/2024