

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 Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	16/10/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Survey Extent: Line 5 T1-50
Scope methodology	Desktop Survey: A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. Infield Survey: 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 ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.21 Ha	None	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.48 Ha	None	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Weeping Myall Woodlands ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Notes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.Endangered BC Act TEC <i>Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions</i> identified within the surveyed area.					

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

- Exclusion zones to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint, extending a maximum of 15 m from edge of B10 (excludes previously cleared areas within Disturbance Area B).
- 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.
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)
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

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
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			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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: EPBC & BC Act TECs and Squirrel Glider (<i>Petaurus norfolcensis</i>) habitat identified within Easement and 15 m buffer zones.
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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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). - Squirrel Glider habitat mapped within Disturbance Area B (Tower 1-2). - Assumed species presence Small Scurf Pea (<i>Cullen parvum</i>) (Tower 1-2, 8-11, 13-14, 24-25, 33-34, 37-38). - Assumed species presence Superb Parrot (Tower 24-25, 47-48). - 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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Position	Deputy Environmental Manager
Signature	
Date	30.10.2025

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Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	16/10/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Survey Extent: Line 5 T50-100
Scope methodology	Desktop Survey: A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. Infield Survey: 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 ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.60 Ha	0.045 Ha	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.45 Ha	None	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Weeping Myall Woodlands ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ^{1,2}	<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 Penepplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions* identified within the surveyed area.

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

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- 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.
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)
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: Silverleaf Nightshade (<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>) - Tower 90-91
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: EPBC & BC Act TECs and Squirrel Glider (<i>Petaurus norfolcensis</i>) habitat

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			identified within Easement and 15 m buffer zones.
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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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). - 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 (<i>Cullen parvum</i>) (Tower 71-72). - Assumed species presence Superb Parrot (Tower 76-77, 94-95). - Assumed species presence Barking Owl (<i>Ninox connivens</i>) (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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Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Survey Extent: Line 5 T100-150
Scope methodology	Desktop Survey: A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. Infield Survey: 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 ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20.07 Ha	0.015 Ha	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.26 Ha	0.010 Ha	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Weeping Myall Woodlands ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ^{1,2}	<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 Penepplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions* identified within the surveyed area.

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

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- 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.
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)
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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Environmental exclusion zones

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,
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			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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: EPBC & BC Act TECs and Squirrel Glider (<i>Petaurus norfolcensis</i>) habitat identified within Easement and 15 m buffer zones.
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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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). - 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). - Assumed species presence Small Scurf Pea (<i>Cullen parvum</i>) (Tower 142-144). - Assumed species presence Superb Parrot (Tower 100-101, 110-112, 142-144). - 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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Scope methodology	Desktop Survey: A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. Infield Survey: 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 ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	43.09 Ha	0.085 Ha	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.30 Ha	0.058 Ha	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Weeping Myall Woodlands ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.50 Ha	None	
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ^{1,2}	<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 Penepplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions* identified within the surveyed area.

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- Critically Endangered BC Act TEC *Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains* identified within the surveyed area

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- 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.
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)
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 164-165, 168-169, 192-193
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Environmental exclusion zones

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
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			<p>Grey-crowned Babbler (<i>Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 161-164, 192-193</p> <p>White-fronted Chat (<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 172-173, 181-183, 188-189</p> <p>Flame Robin (<i>Petroica phoenicea</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 184-185, 198-199</p> <p>Southern Whiteface (<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>) (EPBC and BC Act-listed as Vulnerable - Tower 198-200</p>
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: EPBC & BC Act TECs and Squirrel Glider (<i>Petaurus norfolcensis</i>) habitat identified within Easement and 15 m buffer zones.
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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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). - Squirrel Glider habitat mapped within Disturbance Area B (Tower 150-165, 191-200). - Assumed species presence Superb Parrot (Tower 176-177). - 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	Scott Rolph
Signature	
Date	16/10/2025
Elecnor	
Name	Willem Venter
Position	Deputy Environmental Manager
Signature	
Date	30.10.2025

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General information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Scott Rolph Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	20/10/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Survey Extent: Line 5 T200-250
Scope methodology	Desktop Survey: A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. Infield Survey: 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 ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.31 Ha	0.066 Ha	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.10 Ha	None	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Weeping Myall Woodlands ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	187.92 Ha	None	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	34.40 Ha	None	Mapped vegetation, species identified (Tower 228-231)
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	135.70 Ha	None	Mapped vegetation, species identified (Tower 223-237, 248-250)

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Pre-clearance Survey details

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 to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint, extending a maximum of 15 m from edge of B10 (excludes previously cleared areas within Disturbance Area B).
- 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.
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)
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). Pre-inspection of identified Plains Wanderer habitat required by an ecologist prior to all works.

Weeds

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Pre-clearance Survey details			
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 208-210
Environmental exclusion zones			
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 201-202, 225-226 White-fronted Chat (<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 228-234 Little Eagle (<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 203-204 Black Falcon (<i>Falco subniger</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 242-243, 246-247 Winged Peppercreep (<i>Lepidium monoplacoides</i>) (EPBC and BC Act-listed as Endangered) - Tower 243-245
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: EPBC & BC Act TECs, Plains Wanderer and Squirrel Glider (<i>Petaurus norfolcensis</i>) habitat, and Special Biodiversity Zone identified within Easement and 15 m buffer zones.
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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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) - 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 (<i>Cullen parvum</i>) (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	
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Date	20/10/2025
Elecnor	
Name	Willem Venter
Position	Deputy Environmental Manager
Signature	
Date	30.10.2025

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General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	20/10/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Survey Extent: Line 5 T250 - 300
Scope methodology	Desktop Survey: A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. Infield Survey: 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 ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.30 Ha	0.05 Ha	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	179.90 Ha	None	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.36 Ha	None	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	67.35 Ha	None	Mapped vegetation, species identified (Tower

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Pre-clearance Survey details

					253-258, 267-268, 269-274, 275-277, 280-281)
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Notes:

- Critically endangered BC Act TEC *Weeping Myall Woodlands* identified within the surveyed area.
- Critically endangered BC Act TEC *Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains* identified within the surveyed area.
- Critically endangered BC Act TEC *Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains* identified within the surveyed area.

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

- Exclusion zones to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint, extending a maximum of 15 m from edge of B10 (excludes previously cleared areas within Disturbance Area B).
- 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.
- 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.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Total of 87 existing GPS waypoints recorded during pre-clearance surveys between Tower 250-300 (includes trees previously removed)
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). Pre-inspection of identified Plains Wanderer habitat required by an ecologist prior to all works.

Weeds

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Pre-clearance Survey details			
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 271, 274-279, 280, 282-286, 288-292, 295-300
Environmental exclusion zones			
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Grey-crowned Babbler (<i>Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 257 White-fronted Chat (<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 252-253 Flame Robin (<i>Petroica phoenicea</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 296 White-bellied Sea-eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 288
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: EPBC & BC Act TECs and Plains Wanderer habitat identified within Easement and 15 m buffer zones.
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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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). - Assumed species presence Small Scurf Pea (<i>Cullen parvum</i>) (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	
Ecologist	
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Signature	
Date	20/10/2025
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Name	Willem Venter
Position	Deputy Environmental Manager
Signature	
Date	30.10.2025

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General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	20/10/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Survey Extent: Line 5 T300 - Dinawan Substation
Scope methodology	Desktop Survey: A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent. Infield Survey: 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 ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Weeping Myall Woodlands ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.02 Ha	None	EPBC Act Threatened Ecological Community
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Notes:					
• Critically endangered BC Act TEC <i>Weeping Myall Woodlands</i> identified within the surveyed area.					

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Pre-clearance Survey details

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

- Exclusion zones to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint, extending a maximum of 15 m from edge of B10 (excludes previously cleared areas within Disturbance Area B).
- 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.
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)
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.
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Environmental exclusion zones

Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Grey-crowned Babbler (<i>Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 319, Dinawan Substation White-fronted Chat (<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 331-332 Spotted Harrier (<i>Circus assimilis</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Dinawan Substation
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Pre-clearance Survey details			
			Little Eagle (<i>Hieraetus morphnoides</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 314 Brown Treecreeper (<i>Climacteris picumnus victoriae</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 300-301 Slender Darling Pea (<i>Swainsona murrayana</i>) (BC Act-listed as Vulnerable) - Tower 301-310 Winged Peppercreess (<i>Lepidium monoplododies</i>) (BC Act-listed as Endangered) - Tower 303
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: EPBC & BC Act TECs identified within Easement and 15 m buffer zones.
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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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). - Assumed species presence and breeding habitat for Superb Parrot (Dinawan Substation). - Assumed species presence Small Scurf Pea (<i>Cullen parvum</i>) (Tower 300-301). - Assumed species presence Silky Swainson-pea (<i>Swainsona sericea</i>) (Tower 325 to Dinawan Substation). - Assumed species presence Eastern Annual Buttons (<i>Leptorhynchos orientalis</i>) (Tower 325 to Dinawan Substation). - Assumed species presence A Spear Grass (<i>Austrostipa wakoolica</i>) (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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