

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



General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Hannah Roberts, Scott Rolph and Madeleine Cicchelli Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	27/05/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 48-51
Scope methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed disturbance area

Pre-clearance Survey details					
Infrastructure surveyed					
Tower footprint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Centreline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Break and winch site, OPGW, EPZ, hurdle and/or crane pad site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parking areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Access track (existing)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Any other details:					
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 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:					
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)					

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

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

- No additional mitigation measures 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: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing tree.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Waypoint ID 541B - 584B (previously removed or to be retained).
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Required for any additional tree removal.

**Weeds**

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
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**Environmental exclusion zones**

Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

**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 not required for clearing activities.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Sow Thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*), Shepherd's Purse (*Capsella sp.*), Small-flowered Mallow (*Malva parviflora*), Barley grass (*Hordeum sp.*), Clover (*Trifolium sp.*), Knotweed (*Polygonum aviculare*), Small nettle (*Urtica urens*), Capeweed (*Arctotheca calendula*), Burr Medic (*Medicago polymorpha*).

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Pre-clearance Approval	
<b>Ecologist</b>	
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	21/07/2025
<b>Elecnor</b>	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	24/07/2025

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