

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



**General information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Shane Oates Qualification: Ecologist / FSC
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	12/10/2025 (updated 23/01/2026)
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	<b>Survey Extent:</b> T50 - 01
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.

**Pre-clearance Survey details**

<b>Infrastructure surveyed</b>							
Tower footprint	<input type="checkbox"/>		Centreline		<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking areas		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Access track (existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access track (new)		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Any other details:	Full easement with 15-meter buffer to accommodate for hazard & tall growing trees						
<b>Protected Matters</b>							
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		0.036Ha			
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:							

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

***Exclusion zones recommended to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint.***

**Clearing works to be completed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.**

***Fauna Spotter to be present during clearing activities.***

**Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees**

Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Nest boxes required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Fauna Spotter Required due to the presence of Hollow Bearing Trees, Weeping Myall Woodland, and Nest Box inspection and possible relocation.

**Weeds**

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Details: African Boxthorn, (Lycium ferocissimum). Weeds to be managed in accordance with approved Biosecurity Management plan.
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**Environmental exclusion zones**

Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Weeping Myall Woodland
Environmental exclusion zones required?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Details: <i>Exclusion zone recommended to be installed prior to construction works commencing.</i>

**Unexpected Finds**

Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

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**Additional comments:**

**Pre-clearance Approval**

**Ecologist**

Name	Shane Oates
Signature	
Date	23/01/2026

**Elecnor**

Name	R Walker-Edwards
Position	Env Manager
Signature	
Date	1/02/2026

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