

**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 & Darcy Brady Qualification: Ecologist / FSC
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	4/11/2025; 5/2/2026
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	<b>Survey Extent:</b> T500 to 448
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					
Infrastructure surveyed					
Tower footprint	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centreline		<input 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 <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:					
Mallee Bird Community - 0.068 Ha					

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray Darling Depression bioregions, Endangered (TEC\_BC\_ACT). - 0.015Ha

**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?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Fauna Spotter Required due to the presence of Mallee Bird Community, Hollow Bearing Trees, and Nest Box inspection and possible relocation.

**Weeds**

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <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?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Mallee Bird Community, and Buloke Woodlands.
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: <i>Exclusion zone recommended to be installed prior to construction works commencing.</i>

**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:**

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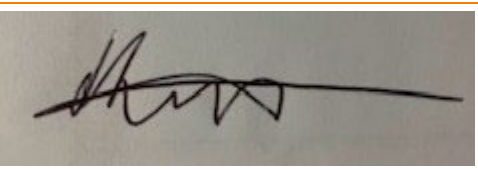
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**Pre-clearance Approval**

**Ecologist**

Name	Shane Oates	Darcy Brady
Signature		
Date	31/01/2026	5/2/2026

**Elecnor**

Name	Keeley Hartzler
Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	05/02/2026