

**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.)	Survey Extent: T500 to 448
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.

Pre-clearance Survey details

Infrastructure surveyed					
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence identified		Quantum surveyed (Ha)	Quantum which will be disturbed (Ha)	Comments
	Yes	No			
Tower footprint	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centreline		<input type="checkbox"/>
Brake and winch site, OPGW, EPZ, hurdle and/or crane pad site	<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				
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Habitat for Mossy 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:					
Mallee Bird Community - 0.068 Ha					

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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?	<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 Mallee Bird Community, Hollow Bearing Trees, 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: Mallee Bird Community, and Buloke Woodlands.
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:

Additional comments:

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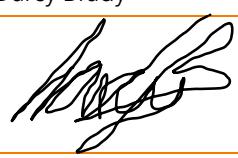
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Pre-clearance Approval

Ecologist

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

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

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