

**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 and Scott Rolph Qualification: Ecologist(s)
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	22/01/2026
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Easement between Towers 150-154
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				
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 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"/>	20.81	0.07	EPBC Act TEC
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"/>	10.88	0.09	EPBC Act TEC
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"/>			

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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)

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

- TBC of the critically endangered BC Act TEC *White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grasslands* to be removed.
- TBC of the endangered BC Act TEC *Grey Box (Eucalyptus microcarpa) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia* to be removed.
- Exclusion zones not required due to disturbance caused by previous clearing.
- Ecologist to be present during further tree clearing activities.
- No additional mitigation measures required. Clearing works to be completed 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 trees, stick and mud nests.
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Waypoint ID01-ID05, 97-100, 109, 111, 129B-161B, 540-600 (previously cleared or to be retained). EnspecID 3484, 3525-3527, 3529, 3645, 3650, 3725, 3835, 3837, 3839, 4083 (to be cleared or 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: Not required due to disturbance caused by prior clearing.

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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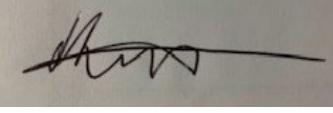
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- Ecologist required for any further tree clearing activities.
- Vegetation removal has previously occurred within easement.
- Relocate fallen logs into TEC outside of construction footprint. To be retained for fauna habitat.
- 30.36Ha of Squirrel Glider (*Petaurus norfolkensis*) habitat mapped within the easement.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with approved Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Canadian Fleabane (*Erigeron canadensis*), Flaxleaf Fleabane (*Conyza bonariensis*), Black Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Dandelion (*Taraxacum* sp.), *Paspalum* sp., and Drain Flat-sedge (*Cyperus eragrostis*).

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Pre-clearance Approval	
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Signature	
Date	22/01/2026
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Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	22/01/2026

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