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Table 1 - Information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Shane Oates Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	10/02/2024
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L2- Camp 4
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area. In field visual inspection by ecologists of: - Camp 4 Pad
Work Package ID	OHTL Transmission Line (L2)

Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint		Cei	ntreline		
Break and Winch Site		Par	king Areas		
Access Track (existing)		Acc	ess Track (new)		
Disturbance Area B		Oth	er	\boxtimes	
Details of Other:	Camp 4 Laydown				
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence Identified		Quantum to	Comments	
	Yes	No	Clear (Ha)		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland ¹²		×			
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia 12		×			
Weeping Myall Woodlands 12		\boxtimes			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ¹²		×			
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions ²		\boxtimes			
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion ²		\boxtimes			
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions ²		\boxtimes			

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Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains ²				
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) ²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa wakoolica) ²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ¹²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid ²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for A burr-daisy ²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for Winged Peppercross ¹		\boxtimes		
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ¹²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ¹²	\boxtimes		1.82Ha	
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea ²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for Plains Wanderer ¹²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) ¹²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for Superb Parrot ¹²		\boxtimes		
Notes: 1 Protected matter listed within the Notification 2 Protected matter listed within the Revised Bio	of Approval End	ergyConnec	NSW – Eastern Section (EPBC 2020/8766) essment Report (August 2022)	
 Management measures required to avoid or minimise impacts to Protected Matters: Exclusion zones to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint. Works to be completed in accordance with approved Biodiversity Management Plan (as required). 				
Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees				
Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes □	No ⊠	Comments:	
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes □	No ⊠	Comments:	
Nest boxes required?	Yes □	No ⊠	Comments:	
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments: Fauna Spotter required due to the presence of ground habitat.	
Weeds				
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	e Yes ⊠	No □	Details: <i>Lycium ferocissimum,</i> African Boxthorn. <i>Weeds to be managed in</i>	

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Environmental Exclusion Zones			
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
Unexpected Finds			
Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
Additional Comments			

Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	6 Months
Name	Shane Oates
Signature	
Date	19/02/2024
SecureEnergy	
Name	Sarah Klocke
Position	Senior Environmental Advisor
Signature	Sarah Klocke
Date	20/20/2024