

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



General information	
Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Darcy Brady Qualification: Ecologist/ FSC
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	20/02/2026
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Survey Extent: Line 2, Tower 509 - Tower 600
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 type="checkbox"/>	Centreline	<input checked="" 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:	Pre-energisation Hazard Tree Removal				
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 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 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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Pre-clearance Survey details

Other Protected Matters

- Pink Cockatoo Breeding Habitat 0.036ha
 - Assumed species presence
- Regent Parrot Breeding Habitat 0.036ha
 - Known species presence
- Mallee Bird Community 0.115 ha
- Southern Bell Frog Breeding Habitat 0.024ha
 - Assumed species presence
- Southern Myotis Breeding Habitat 0.024ha
 - Assumed species presence

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: All Nest Boxes installed
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, Threatened Fauna Habitat, Environmental exclusion zones, 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: Regent Parrots observed within Murrumbidgee River Area at time of Pre-Clearance survey.
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Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Exclusion zone recommended to be installed prior to construction works commencing.
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:			
<p>Presence of two Weeds of Potential National Significance: Scotch thistle (<i>Onopordum Acanthium</i>) Noogoora Burr (<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>)</p> <p>Weeds to be managed in accordance with approved biosecurity management plan Multiple threatened species present and significant habitat.</p>			

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Pre-clearance Approval	
Ecologist	
Name	Darcy Brady
Signature	
Date	20/02/2026
Elecnor	
Name	Clare Oakey
Position	Environmental Coordinator
Signature	
Date	20/03/2026

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