

**Table 1 - Information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Scott Rolph and Max Wang Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	10/04/2024
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Access Track 5072-5078 (revised location Tower 209-14)
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed disturbance area.
Work Package ID	L5 Ecology – Pre-clearance surveys

**Table 2 – Pre-Clearance Survey Details**

Infrastructure Surveyed				
Tower Footprint	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centreline	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Break and Winch Site	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access Track (existing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access Track (new)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Disturbance Area B	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Details of Other:				
Protected Matters				
Item	Presence Identified		Quantum to Clear (Ha)	Comments
	Yes	No		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland <sup>12</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.12ha	EPBC Act-listed Threatened Ecological Community.
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>12</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>12</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>12</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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Habitat for A spear-grass ( <i>austrostipa metatoris</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for A spear-grass ( <i>austrostipa wakoolica</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>12</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for A burr-daisy <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Winged Peppercross <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>12</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>12</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Plains Wanderer <sup>12</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) <sup>12</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Superb Parrot <sup>12</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**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:**

- 0.12 ha of critically endangered BC Act-listed TEC ‘*White Box, Yellow Box, Blakely’s Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland*’ identified within the impact area.
- Exclusion zones to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint.
- No additional mitigation measures required. Clearing works to be managed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.

**Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees**

Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments:

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: EPBC and BC Act-listed Threatened Ecological Communities.

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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			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exclusion zones to be installed prior to construction works commencing.</li> <li>- Ecologist not required for clearing activities.</li> <li>- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.</li> <li>- Additional weed species: Spear Thistle (<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>), Paterson's Curse (<i>Echium plantagineum</i>), Flaxleaf Fleabane (<i>Erigeron bonariensis</i>), Black Nightshade (<i>Solanum nigrum</i>), Horehound (<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>).</li> </ul>			

**Table 3 – Pre-Clearance Approval**

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Scott Rolph
Signature	
Date	10/04/2024
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Name	Sarah Klocke
Position	Deputy Environment Manager
Signature	
Date	11/04/2024

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