

### **Table 1 - Information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Justine On and Dan Paje  Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	25/07/2023
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Disturbance Area B and Centreline (Towers 8 to 13)
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area  In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed tower location
Work Package ID	Access Tracks (L5)

## Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed						
Tower Footprint			Centreline			$\boxtimes$
Break and Winch Site		Р	ark	ing Areas		
Access Track (existing)		А	ССЕ	ess Track (new)		
Disturbance Area B	$\boxtimes$	С	Othe	r		
Details of Other:						
Protected Matters						
Item	Presence	Identifie	ed	Quantum to	Comments	
	Yes	No		Clear (Ha)		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland 12		$\boxtimes$				
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
Weeping Myall Woodlands 12		$\boxtimes$				
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains 12		$\boxtimes$				
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions <sup>2</sup>		×				
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions <sup>2</sup>						
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$				



Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa wakoolica) <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy 12		$\boxtimes$				
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
Habitat for A burr-daisy <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
Habitat for Winged Peppercross <sup>1</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
Habitat for Chariot Wheels 12		$\boxtimes$				
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea 12		$\boxtimes$				
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
Habitat for Plains Wanderer 12		$\boxtimes$				
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) <sup>12</sup>						
Habitat for Superb Parrot <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$				
Notes: 1 Protected matter listed within the Notification of 2 Protected matter listed within the Revised Biod						
<ul> <li>1.3 ha of critically endangered BC Act-listed 'White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland and derived native grassland' habitat identified within impact area.</li> <li>0.18 ha of endangered BC Act-listed 'Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions' habitat identified within impact area.</li> <li>1.73 ha of Small Scurf-pea (Cullen parvum) habitat identified within impact area.</li> <li>Exclusion zones to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint.</li> <li>No additional mitigation measures required. Clearing works to be managed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.</li> </ul>						
Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees						
Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees and nests identified			
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments: Waypoint IDs: 15-17, 23, 770-771, 783-788			
Nest boxes required?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments:			
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments:			
Weeds						
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:			



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**

- Ecologist required during clearing activities.
- Exclusion zones to be installed prior to construction works.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with approved Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Flatweed (*Hypochaeris radicata*), Clover (*Trifolium* spp), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Dock species (*Rumex* spp.), Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Soursob (*Oxalis pes-caprae*), Flax-leaf Fleabane (*Erigeron bonariensis*), Fumitory (*Fumaria bastardii*), Stagger Weed (*Stachys arvensis*), Stinging Nettle (*Utrica urens*).

### Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Andrew Taylor
Signature	rdrew aufer.
Date	25/07/2023
SecureEnergy	
Name	Glenn Hayden
Position	Senior Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	28/07/2023



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Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Andrew Taylor and Justine On Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	22/07/23
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Disturbance Area B and Centreline (Towers 13 to 24)
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area  In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed tower location
Work Package ID	Access Tracks (L5)

## Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

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Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint		Cei	ntreline	$\boxtimes$	
Break and Winch Site		Par	king Areas		
Access Track (existing)		Acc	ess Track (new)		
Disturbance Area B	$\boxtimes$	Oth	er		
Details of Other:					
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence I	dentified	Quantum to	Comments	
	Yes	No	Clear (Ha)		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland <sup>12</sup>	$\boxtimes$		0.36 ha	EPBC Act	
				Threatened Ecolo Community	gical
Grey Box (Eucalyptus microcarpa)	$\boxtimes$		1.16 ha	EPBC Act	
Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia 12				Threatened Ecolo Community	gical
Weeping Myall Woodlands 12		$\boxtimes$			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			



Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa wakoolica) <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy 12		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for A burr-daisy <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Winged Peppercross <sup>1</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Chariot Wheels 12		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea 12		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Plains Wanderer 12		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) 12		$\boxtimes$					
Habitat for Superb Parrot <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$					
Notes:  1 Protected matter listed within the Notification of Approval Energy Connect NSW Eastern Section (EDBC 2020/8766)							

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- 2 Protected matter listed within the Revised Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (August 2022)

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

- 0.92 ha of the critically endangered BC Act TEC "White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum grassy woodland and derived native grassland" mapped within impact area.
- 1.46 ha of the endangered BC Act TEC "Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions" mapped within 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 completed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.

#### **Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees** Habitat trees and habitat features Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-Yes ⊠ No □ identified & marked? bearing trees and nests. GPS coordinates and habitat trees Comments: Waypoint IDs: Yes ⊠ No □ recorded? 006B, 009B, 010B, 020B, 38-85B, 182B, 185B, 257-261B. 24, 359-369, 371-384, 386-389, 392-433. Nest boxes required? Yes ⊠ No □ Comments: Fauna spotter required to be present Yes ⊠ No □ Comments: during clearing activities? Weeds Were any Weeds of National Significance Yes ⊠ No □ Details: Blackberry (Rubus fruticosus) or Priority Weeds identified? **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**

- Ecologist required during clearing activities.
- Exclusion zone to be installed prior to construction works commencing.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with approved Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Stinging Nettle (*Urtica urens*), Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Flatweed (*Arctotheca calendula, Hypochaeris radicata*), Sheep Sorrel (*Acetosella vulgaris*), Clover (*Trifolium* spp.), Dock (*Rumex* sp.), Soursob (*Oxalis pes-caprae*).

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Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Justine On
Signature	JKO
Date	25/07/23
SecureEnergy	
Name	Glenn Hayden
Position	Senior Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	28/07/2023



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Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Andrew Taylor and Catriona Chauval  Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	25/07/2023
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Disturbance Area B and Centreline (Towers 42 to 46)
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area  In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed tower location
Work Package ID	Access Tracks (L5)

## Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

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Tower Footprint		Cei	ntreline	$\boxtimes$	
Break and Winch Site	_ P		king Areas		
Access Track (existing)	☐ Acce		ess Track (new	)	
Disturbance Area B	$\boxtimes$	Oth	er		
Details of Other:					
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence l	Identified	Quantum to	Comments	
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White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland 12		$\boxtimes$			
Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Weeping Myall Woodlands 12		$\boxtimes$			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>12</sup>		×			
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains <sup>2</sup>		X			
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			



Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa wakoolica) <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy 12		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for A burr-daisy <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for Winged Peppercross <sup>1</sup>		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for Chariot Wheels 12		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea 12		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for Plains Wanderer 12		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) 12		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for Superb Parrot <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$		
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)				
<ul> <li>No additional mitigation measure</li> </ul>				
- Clearing works to be completed i		e with the ap	oproved Biodiversity Management Plan.	
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- Clearing works to be completed i		e with the ap	comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees	
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- Clearing works to be completed in  Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees	n accordanc	No 🗆	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees	
- Clearing works to be completed in  Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees  Comments: Waypoint ID 277B	
- Clearing works to be completed in  Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?  Nest boxes required?  Fauna spotter required to be present	Yes ⊠ Yes ⊠ Yes ⊠	No 🗆	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees  Comments: Waypoint ID 277B  Comments:	
- Clearing works to be completed in  Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?  Nest boxes required?  Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes	No 🗆	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees  Comments: Waypoint ID 277B  Comments:	
- Clearing works to be completed in  Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?  Nest boxes required?  Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?  Weeds  Were any Weeds of National Significance	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes	No   No   No   No   No   No   No   No	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees Comments: Waypoint ID 277B  Comments: Comments:	
- Clearing works to be completed in  Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?  Nest boxes required?  Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?  Weeds  Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes	No   No   No   No   No   No   No   No	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees Comments: Waypoint ID 277B  Comments: Comments:	
- Clearing works to be completed in  Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?  Nest boxes required?  Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?  Weeds  Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?  Environmental Exclusion Zones  Threatened Species Identified within	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes	No   No   No   No   No   No   No   No	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees Comments: Waypoint ID 277B  Comments: Comments: Details:	
- Clearing works to be completed in  Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?  Nest boxes required?  Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?  Weeds  Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?  Environmental Exclusion Zones  Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes	No □ No □ No □ No □ No □ No □	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees Comments: Waypoint ID 277B  Comments: Comments: Details:	
- Clearing works to be completed in  Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?  GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?  Nest boxes required?  Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?  Weeds  Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?  Environmental Exclusion Zones  Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?  Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes	No □ No □ No □ No □ No □ No □	Comments: Habitat identified. Hollow-bearing trees Comments: Waypoint ID 277B  Comments: Comments: Details:	

been notified?



## **Additional Comments**

- Ecologist required during clearing activities.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with approved Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species: Flatweed (*Arctotheca calendula, Hypochaeris radicata*), Clover (*Trifolium* spp), Burr Medic (*Medicago polymorpha*).

### Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Andrew Taylor
Signature	Indient aufor.
Date	25/07/2023
SecureEnergy	
Name	Glenn Hayden
Position	Senior Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	28/07/2023