

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



| General information                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Item                                                                | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) completing Pre-Clearance Survey        | Name: Darcy Brady<br>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 650 - Tower 700                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Scope methodology                                                   | Desktop Survey: A desktop survey was undertaken that encompasses the full Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessment extent.<br>Infield Survey: The in-field survey encompassed the full easement, including a 15-metre buffer on both sides. |

| Pre-clearance Survey details                                                                                                       |                                     |                                      |                       |                                      |          |
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| 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 <sup>1,2</sup>                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |                       |                                      |          |
| Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>1,2</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |                       |                                      |          |
| Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>1,2</sup>                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |                       |                                      |          |
| Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>1,2</sup>                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |                       |                                      |          |
| Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>1,2</sup>                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |                       |                                      |          |
| Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>1,2</sup>                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |                       |                                      |          |
| Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>1,2</sup>                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |                       |                                      |          |
| Other Protected Matters                                                                                                            |                                     |                                      |                       |                                      |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mallee Bird Community 0.081ha</li></ul>                                                      |                                     |                                      |                       |                                      |          |

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**Pre-clearance Survey details**

**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**

|                                                                  |                                         |                                        |                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 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, Hollow Bearing Trees, and Nest Box inspection and possible relocation. |

**Weeds**

|                                                                       |                              |                                        |                     |
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| Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Details:<br>No WONs |
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**Environmental exclusion zones**

|                                                          |                              |                                        |                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Details: No observation of threatened species at time of Pre-Clearance survey. |
| Environmental exclusion zones required?                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Details:                                                                       |

**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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**Pre-clearance Approval**

**Ecologist**

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| Name      | Darcy Brady                                                                       |
| Signature |  |
| Date      | 20/02/2026                                                                        |

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| Name      | Clare Oakey                                                                         |
| Position  | Environmental Coordinator                                                           |
| Signature |  |
| Date      | 2/03/2026                                                                           |

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