

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	27/03/2024
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Drilling locations within Lot 100//DP1256996
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 type="checkbox"/>	
Disturbance Area B	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Details of Other:	Additional area outside of L5 easement, adjacent to the Wagga Substation.			
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 ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Weeping Myall Woodlands ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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

- 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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

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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"> - The survey area is classified as PCT 0: Miscellaneous/exotic, is heavily grazed and dominated by exotic plant species including <i>Cirsium vulgare</i>, <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>, <i>Echium plantagineum</i> and <i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> (NGH, BAM Report 2024). - Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan. - Ecologist not required for drilling activities unless vegetation clearing is required for access. 			

Table 3 – Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Justine On
Signature	
Date	27/03/2024
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Name	Sarah Klocke
Position	Deputy Environment Manager
Signature	
Date	27/03/2024

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