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Table 1 - Information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Kristen Vickery Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	29.01.24
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L2 / Full clearance/ Tower 420-406
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area. In field visual inspection by ecologists of: - Tower footprint - Centreline - Disturbance Area B - Tower Access point Pre-clearance survey also includes centreline between towers 421 and 420.
Work Package ID	OHTL Transmission Line (L2)

Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed						
Tower Footprint	\boxtimes	С	ent	reline		\boxtimes
Break and Winch Site	\boxtimes		Parking Areas			
Access Track (existing)			Access Track (new)			
Disturbance Area B	× (Other			
Details of Other:						
Protected Matters						
Item	Presence Identified		ed		Comments	
	Yes	No		Clear (Ha)		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland ¹²						
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ¹²						
Weeping Myall Woodlands 12		\boxtimes				
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ¹²		\boxtimes				
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions ²		×				
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion ²		\boxtimes				

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Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions ²		×	
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains ²		×	
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) ²		\boxtimes	
Habitat for A spear-grass (<i>austrostipa</i> wakoolica) ²		\boxtimes	
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ¹²	\boxtimes		0.06 Ha
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid ²		\boxtimes	
Habitat for A burr-daisy ²		\boxtimes	
Habitat for Winged Peppercross ¹		\boxtimes	
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ¹²	\boxtimes		3.89 Ha
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ¹²		\boxtimes	
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea ²		\boxtimes	
Habitat for Plains Wanderer ¹²		\boxtimes	
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) 12		\boxtimes	
Habitat for Superb Parrot ¹²		\boxtimes	
Notes: 1 Protected matter listed within the Notification of 2 Protected matter listed within the Revised Biod			
Management measures required to avo	oid or minim	nise impa	acts to Protected Matters:
			otected matters outside the construction footprint.
- Ecologist to be present during cle	earing activit	ies.	
Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees			
Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?	Yes □	No 🛭	⊠ Comments:
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes □	No 🛭	⊠ Comments:
Nest boxes required?	Yes □	No 🛭	Comments: No Hollow Bearings Trees are present in construction footprint.
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	Comments: Fauna Spotter needed due to the presence of ground habitat and threatened flora.
Weeds			
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes ⊠	No [☐ Details: Lycium ferocissimum, African Boxthorn. 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 ⊠	No □	Details: Mossgiel Daisy, <i>Brachyscome</i> papillosa and Chariot Wheel, <i>Maireana</i> cheelii.
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes ⊠	No □	Details: Exclusion zone to be installed prior to construction works commencing.
Unexpected Finds			
Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
Additional Comments			

Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	6 Months
Name	Kristen Vickery
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Date	7.02.24
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Name	Sarah Klocke
Position	Deputy Environment Manager
Signature	Sarah Klocke
Date	30.04.2024