

Table 1 - Information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Estelle Kayler-Thomson and John Jacinto Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	6-09-2024
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Tower 256
Scope Methodology	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: Access Point	<input checked="" 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 ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Weeping Myall Woodlands ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ¹²	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.3612	EPBC Act-listed Threatened Ecological Community.
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for A spear-grass (<i>austrostipa metatoris</i>) ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for A spear-grass (<i>austrostipa wakoolica</i>) ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		


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Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Habitat for A burr-daisy ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Habitat for Winged Peppercross ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Habitat for Plains Wanderer ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Habitat for Superb Parrot ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>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)</p>			
<p>Management measures required to avoid or minimise impacts to Protected Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.3612 ha of EPBC and BC Act-listed ‘Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains’ (Critically Endangered). • 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Ecologist required for ground stripping works.
Weeds			
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
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:
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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- Ecologist required during clearing activities.
- Exclusion zones to be installed prior to construction works commencing.
- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the approved Biosecurity Management Plan.
- Additional weed species scattered within local area: Flaxleaf Fleabane (*Conzya bonariensis*), Paterson’s Curse (*Echium plantagineum*), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Horsetweed (*Erigeron canadensis*), Common Dock (*Rumex sp.*), Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*).

Table 3 – Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Estelle Kayler-Thomson
Signature	
Date	6/09/2024
SecureEnergy	
Name	Julie Vaillancourt
Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	09/09/2024