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#### **Table 1 - Information**

| Item   | Detail  |
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| Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey           | Name: Bruce Edley Qualification: Senior Ecologist   |
| Date of Pre-Clearance Survey   | December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024   |
| Specific Pre-Clearance Survey<br>Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.) | Access track from T301-315  |
| Scope Methodology  | In Field review of vegetation and habitat for nominated area In field visual inspection by ecologists of:  - T301 - 315 AT Line 2 |
| Work Package ID  | OHTL Transmission Line (L2)   |

### Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

| Infrastructure Surveyed   |          |             |                 |             |  |
|---|----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
| Tower Footprint   |          | Cen         | treline         |             |  |
| Break and Winch Site  |          | Parl        | king Areas      |             |  |
| Access Track (existing)   |          | Acc         | ess Track (new) | $\boxtimes$ |  |
| Disturbance Area B  |          | Oth         | er              |             |  |
| Details of Other:   |          |             |                 |             |  |
| Protected Matters   |          |             |                 |             |  |
| Item  | Presence | Identified  | Quantum to      | Comments    |  |
|   | Yes      | No          | Clear (Ha)      |             |  |
| White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red<br>Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived<br>Native Grassland <sup>12</sup>                           |          | $\boxtimes$ |                 |             |  |
| 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>  |          | $\boxtimes$ |                 |             |  |
| 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<br>(Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland<br>Plains <sup>2</sup>                                      |          | $\boxtimes$ |                 |             |  |

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| Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) <sup>2</sup>  |              | $\boxtimes$ |                        |   |  |
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| Habitat for A spear-grass ( <i>austrostipa</i> wakoolica) <sup>2</sup>  |              | $\boxtimes$ |                        |   |  |
| Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>12</sup>  |              | $\boxtimes$ |                        |   |  |
| 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 <sup>12</sup>  |              |             | 0.262Ha                | Found between 311-313 & 314-315   |  |
| Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>12</sup>   |              |             | 0.494Ha                | Found between 311-313 & 314-315   |  |
| Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea <sup>2</sup>  |              | $\boxtimes$ |                        |   |  |
| Habitat for Plains Wanderer <sup>12</sup>   |              | $\boxtimes$ |                        |   |  |
| 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 2 Protected matter listed within the Revised Biod |              |             |                        |   |  |
| Management measures required to avo   | id or minim  | ise impa    | cts to Protect         | ted Matters:  |  |
| Exclusion zones to be installed to restr footprint.   | ict access t | o protec    | ted matters o          | utside the construction   |  |
| Fauna Spotter Catcher or Ecologist req  | uired for T3 | 801 - 315   | AT                     |   |  |
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| Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees  |              |             |                        |   |  |
| Habitat trees and habitat features identified & marked?   | Yes □        | No ⊠        | Commer                 | its:  |  |
| GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?   | Yes □        | No ⊠        | Commer                 | Comments:   |  |
| Nest boxes required?  | Yes □        | No ⊵        | Commer                 | ts:   |  |
| Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?  | Yes ⊠        | No 🗆        | the prese<br>Chariot V | its: Fauna spotter required due to<br>ence of Slender Darling Pea and<br>Vheel habitat, and Salt bush<br>ith cracked soil |  |

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| Weeds   |       |      |   |
|---|-------|------|---|
| Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?                     | Yes ⊠ | No □ | Details: Lycium ferocissimum, African<br>Boxthorn. Weeds to be managed in<br>accordance with approved Biosecurity<br>Management plan. |
| Environmental Exclusion Zones   |       |      |   |
| Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?                                  | Yes ⊠ | No □ | Details: Slender Darling Pea and Chariot Wheel  |
| Environmental exclusion zones required?   | Yes ⊠ | No □ | Details: Exclusion zone recommended 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   |       |      |   |
| FSC present in case Plains wanderer is fou wildlife present. Cracked soil in region has t |       |      | nd cracked soil have an abundance of native<br>n Bell Frog, <i>Litoria raniformis.</i>  |

#### Table 3 – Pre-Clearance Approval

| Ecologist  |                              |
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| Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works | 6 Months                     |
| Name   | Bruce Edley                  |
| Signature  | Jule Edly                    |
| Date   | 12/12/2024                   |
| SecureEnergy   |                              |
| Name   | Willem Venter                |
| Position   | Deputy Environmental Manager |
| Signature  |                              |
| Date   | 13/12/2024                   |