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Table 1 - Information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Shane Oates Qualification: Ecologist
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	22/02/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L2 Break and Winch (T172)
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area In field visual inspection by ecologists of: - Brake and winch areas Pre-clearance survey also includes Centreline and Disturbance area B to Access Track where applicable between towers 173 and 171.
Work Package ID	OHTL Transmission Line (L2)

Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed						
Tower Footprint			Cent	reline	\boxtimes	
Break and Winch Site	\boxtimes		Park	ing Areas		
Access Track (existing)	□ Acc		Access Track (new)			\boxtimes
Disturbance Area B	⊠ Othe		Othe	r		
Details of Other:						
Protected Matters						
Item	Presence Identified		Quantum to	Comments		
	Yes	No)	Clear (Ha)		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland ¹²		\boxtimes				
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ¹²		\boxtimes				
Weeping Myall Woodlands ¹²		\boxtimes				
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ¹²		×				
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions ²		×				
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion ²		\boxtimes				
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions ²		×				

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Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains ²			
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) ²			
Habitat for A spear-grass (<i>austrostipa</i> wakoolica) ²			
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ¹²		\boxtimes	
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	
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		×	
Habitat for Superb Parrot ¹²		\boxtimes	
Notes:	of Approval E	nergyConnect	NSW – Eastern Section (EPBC 2020/8766)
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Weeds				
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:	
Environmental Exclusion Zones				
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:	
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:	
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	Shane Oates
Signature	
Date	23/02/2025
SecureEnergy	
Name	Willem Venter
Position	Deputy Environmental Manager
Signature	
Date	05.03.2025