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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	4/08/2024		
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L2 Winch 590 (591-590)		
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area In field visual inspection by ecologists of:  - Brake and winch areas		
Work Package ID	OHTL Transmission Line (L2)		

#### Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint		Се	ntreline		
Break and Winch Site		Pa	rking Areas		
Access Track (existing)		Ac	cess Track (new		
Disturbance Area B	☐ Oth		ner		
Details of Other:					
Protected Matters					
Item				Comments	
	Yes	No	Clear (Ha)		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived 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 <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$			
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions <sup>2</sup>		×			
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion <sup>2</sup>	$\boxtimes$		0.04Ha		
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$			

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Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) <sup>2</sup>		$\boxtimes$		
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>		$\boxtimes$		
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>12</sup>		$\boxtimes$		
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 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 av-	oid or minir	nise impad	cts to Protected Matters:	
Exclusion zones to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction				
footprint.  Ecologist to be present during clearing activities.				
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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:	
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments: Fauna Spotter required due to presence of Mallee Bird Community and ground habitat.	

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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 □	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	Shane Oates
Signature	
Date	6/08/2024
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Name	Kianna Taylor
Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	7/08/2024