

**Table 1 - Information**

| Item   | Detail  |
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| Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s)<br>Completing Pre-Clearance Survey        | Name: Tristan Varman<br>Qualification: Ecologist/Fauna spotter catcher        |
| Date of Pre-Clearance Survey   | 01/02/2025  |
| Specific Pre-Clearance Survey<br>Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.) | Modified access track from 231 to 230   |
| Scope Methodology  | Pre-clear extension of access track to account for water body from 231 to 230 |
| Work Package ID  | Access Track  |

**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                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |          |
| Details of Other:   | New access track from 231 to 230 |                                     |                                     |          |
| 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 <sup>12</sup>                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |
| Grey Box ( <i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i> ) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia <sup>12</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |
| Weeping Myall Woodlands <sup>12</sup>   | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |
| Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains <sup>12</sup>  | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |
| Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions <sup>2</sup>  | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |
| Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion <sup>2</sup>   | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |
| Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions <sup>2</sup>       | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |
| Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains <sup>2</sup>  | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |

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|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Habitat for A spear-grass ( <i>austrostipa metatoris</i> ) <sup>2</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for A spear-grass ( <i>austrostipa wakoolica</i> ) <sup>2</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy <sup>12</sup>                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid <sup>2</sup>                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for A burr-daisy <sup>2</sup>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for Winged Peppercross <sup>1</sup>                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for Chariot Wheels <sup>12</sup>                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for Slender Darling Pea <sup>12</sup>                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea <sup>2</sup>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for Plains Wanderer <sup>12</sup>                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) <sup>12</sup>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| Habitat for Superb Parrot <sup>12</sup>                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |  |

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 avoid or minimise impacts to Protected Matters:**

Fauna spotter catcher to be present.  
All due care to be taken when near the dam.

**Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees**

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| 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: Abundant ground habitat. Large dam. |

**Weeds**

|   |   |                             |  |
|---|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Details: African boxthorn ( <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> ) is diffuse through out the area. Refer to weed management plan. |
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**Environmental Exclusion Zones**

|  |                              |  |  |
|--|------------------------------|--|--|
| Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Details: The frog was not seen during survey but the possibility exists for the Southern bell frog ( <i>Litoria raniformis</i> ). The dam is excellent frog habitat. |
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|---|------------------------------|--|----------|
| Environmental exclusion zones required?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Details: |
| <b>Unexpected Finds</b>   |                              |  |          |
| 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: |
| <b>Additional Comments</b>  |                              |  |          |
| <p>The dam is full of tracks, scats and traces, numerous animals come and go from the area. The dam is also excellent bell frog habitat. No threatened species were seen during survey.</p> <p>The area has dense clay soils which is preferred by the threatened Chariot Wheel (<i>Maireana cheelii</i>), and Slender Darling Pea (<i>Swainsona murrayana</i>). Both species were found near by in original surveys. We are out side the regular survey period for both species</p> <p>State significant weeds are present. Thistles like Scotch Thistle (<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>) and Star Thistle (<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>) are diffuse through the area.</p> |                              |  |          |

**Table 3 – Pre-Clearance Approval**

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|--|---|
| <b>Ecologist</b>                                       |   |
| Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works | 3 months  |
| Name   | Tristan Varman  |
| Signature  | <i>Tristan Varman</i>   |
| Date   | 01/02/2025  |
| <b>SecureEnergy</b>                                    |   |
| Name   | Willem Venter   |
| Position   | Deputy Environmental Manager  |
| Signature  |  |
| Date   | 01/02/2025  |

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