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Table 1 - Information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli and Hannah Roberts Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	15/11/2024
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Access Track L5 23 to Tower 23 (revised location)
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area 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		Cer	treline		
Break and Winch Site		Par	king Areas		
Access Track (existing)			ess Track (new	\boxtimes	
Disturbance Area B	□ Othe		er		
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		\boxtimes			
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions ²		\boxtimes			
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					
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains ²		\boxtimes			

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Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) ²				
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa wakoolica) ²		\boxtimes		
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		\boxtimes		
Habitat for Superb Parrot ¹²		\boxtimes		
2 Protected matter listed within the Revised Bio - Management measures require	ed to avoid	or minimi	se impacts to	Protected Matters:
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If yes, has the Environmental Manager been notified?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
Additional Comments			
 Ecologist not required for clearing a Weeds to be managed in accordan Additional weed species: Bromus s lanatus). 	ce with the E		Management Plan. eum sp.), and Saffron Thistle (<i>Carthamus</i>

Table 3 - Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	15/11/2024
SecureEnergy	
Name	Daniel Statham
Position	Environment Advisor
Signature	
Date	15/11/2024