

**Table 1 - Information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Jodie Perry Tristan Varman Qualification: Ecologist/Fauna spotter catcher
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	28/11/2024
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	Tower Footprints, Centre line, Access points and Access track from
Scope Methodology	Pre-clear extension of tower pad 277, tower pad 277 to 282 and access tracks
Work Package ID	

**Table 2 – Pre-Clearance Survey Details**

Infrastructure Surveyed				
Tower Footprint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Centreline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Break and Winch Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parking Areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Access Track (existing)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access Track (new)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Disturbance Area B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Details of Other:	Approved extended tower footprint 277			
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"/>		Grasslands present are derived from clearing of salt bush and are a secondary community, not the primary natural.
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"/>		

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Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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. If deemed necessary search for the Mossgiel Daisy

**Hollow Bearing / Habitat Trees**

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

**Weeds**

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Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
<b>Environmental Exclusion Zones</b>			
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
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>A large number of dense chenopods are present, these are great reptiles habitat and small bird nesting area. Chenopod diversity was good in some areas and lacked the typical heavy grazing damage, possible for other plant species persistence.</p> <p>Clay based soils are present in the area. Possible but not conformed for the Slender Darling Pea</p> <p>Maireana aphylla (leafless blue bush) is dominant and present in some areas. This is a preferred habitat plant. Possible but not confirmed for the Mossgiel Daisyb</p>			

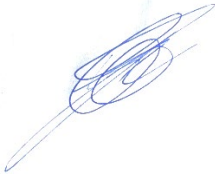
**Table 3 – Pre-Clearance Approval**

<b>Ecologist</b>	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Tristan Varman
Signature	Tristan Varman
Date	29/11/2024
<b>SecureEnergy</b>	
Name	Willem Venter
Position	Deputy Environmental Manager

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**Project EnergyConnect (NSW – Eastern Section)  
Ecology Pre-Clearance Report**



Signature	
Date	01/12/2024

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