

**Table 1 - Information**

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli and Linus Griziotis Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	25/07/2024
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Access Point 5092
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	<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 type="checkbox"/>	
Disturbance Area B	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Details of Other:	Access Point 5092			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.04 ha	EPBC Act-listed Threatened Ecological Community.
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"/>		
Habitat for A spear-grass ( <i>austrostipa metatoris</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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Habitat for A spear-grass ( <i>aurostipa 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:**

- 0.04 ha of critically endangered BC Act-listed TEC 'Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains' identified within the impact area.
- Exclusion zones to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint.
- During clearing an ecologist shall be on site at all times to monitor activities within special biodiversity protection zones as per Biodiversity Management Plan.
- No additional mitigation measures required. Clearing works to be managed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.

**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: Ecologist to be present for ground stripping activities.

**Weeds**

Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
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**Environmental Exclusion Zones**

Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: EPBC and BC Act-listed Threatened Ecological Communities.

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Unexpected Finds			
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:
Additional Comments			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exclusion zones to be installed prior to construction works commencing.</li> <li>- Ecologist to be present for clearing activities (ground stripping).</li> <li>- Access Point is within the Special Biodiversity Zone.</li> <li>- Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan.</li> </ul>			

**Table 3 – Pre-Clearance Approval**

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	25/07/2024
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Name	Sarah Klocke
Position	Deputy Environment Manager
Signature	
Date	26/07/2024

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