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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	10/01/2025
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L2 Towers 245-247 Access Track
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area In field visual inspection by ecologists of the proposed access track (8m width)
Work Package ID	Access Tracks

Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint	_ C		treline		
Break and Winch Site		Par	king Areas		
Access Track (existing)	⊠ Ac		ess Track (new)	\boxtimes	
Disturbance Area B	□ Othe		er		
Details of Other:					
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence			Comments	
	Yes	No	Clear (Ha)		
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland ¹²					
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					
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion ²					
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions ²		\boxtimes			
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains ²					

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Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) ²		\boxtimes		
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		
Notes: 1 Protected matter listed within the Notification of 2 Protected matter listed within the Revised Biodelian Company (Notes).	of Approval Er	ergyConnect	NSW – Eastern Section (EPBC 2020/8766)	
Management measures required to avo	oid or minir	nise impact	s to Protected Matters:	
Clearing works to be completed in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Management Plan.				
Fauna Spotter to be present during cle	arina activ	itios		
rauna opotter to be present during the	aring activ	ities.		
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:	

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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 demarcated?	Yes □	No ⊠	Details:
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	11/01/2025
SecureEnergy JV	
Name	Willem Venter
Position	Deputy Environmental Manager
Signature	
Date	23/01/2025