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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	4/08/2024	
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L2 Brake 609 (610-609)	
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area In field visual inspection by ecologists of: - Brake and winch areas	
Work Package ID	OHTL Transmission Line (L2)	

Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint		Се	ntreline		
Break and Winch Site	\boxtimes	Pa	rking Areas		
Access Track (existing)		Ac	cess Track (new		
Disturbance Area B			ner		
Details of Other:					
Protected Matters					
Item	Presence Identified			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		0.04Ha		
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions ²		\boxtimes			

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Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains ²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for A spear-grass (austrostipa metatoris) ²		\boxtimes		
Habitat for A spear-grass (<i>austrostipa</i> 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 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 av	oid or minim	ise impacts	to Protected Matters:	
Exclusion zones to be installed to rest footprint.	trict access	to protected	l matters outside the construction	
Ecologist to be present during clearing	a activities.			
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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:	
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes ⊠	No □	Comments: Fauna Spotter required due to presence of Mallee Bird Community and ground habitat.	

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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 required?	Yes ⊠	No □	Exclusion zone to be installed prior to construction works commencing.
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	6/08/2024
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Name	Mandy McLeod
Position	Senior Environmental Advisor
Signature	Muecd
Date	09-08-2024