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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	5/03/2025			
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L2 Tower Footprints and Centreline (177-181)			
Scope Methodology	Desktop review of vegetation mapping for nominated area			
	In field visual inspection by ecologists of:			
	 Towers footprints inclusive of temporary laydown area Centreline clearance area Break and winch areas Disturbance Area B 			
	Pre-clearance survey also includes centreline and disturbance area B between towers 177 and 176.			
Work Package ID	OHTL Transmission Line (L2)			

Table 2 - Pre-Clearance Survey Details

Infrastructure Surveyed					
Tower Footprint	\boxtimes	Cer	treline	\boxtimes	
Break and Winch Site			king Areas		
Access Track (existing))	\boxtimes	
Disturbance Area B	\boxtimes				
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					
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ¹²		×			
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		\boxtimes			

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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		
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 avoid or minimise impacts to Protected Matters:				
White Cypress Pine Open Woodland – Endangered (TEC_BC_ACT) – 0.816Ha				
Exclusion zones recommended to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint.				
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Weeds			
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes ⊠	No □	Details: African Boxthorn, (Lycium ferocissimum). Weeds to be managed in accordance with approved Biosecurity Management plan.
Environmental Exclusion Zones			
Threatened Species Identified within Disturbance Area B?	Yes ⊠	No □	Details: White Cypress Pine Woodland
Environmental exclusion zones required?	Yes ⊠	No □	Details: Exclusion zone recommended 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	5/03/2025
SecureEnergy	
Name	Willem Venter
Position	Deputy Environmental Manager
Signature	
Date	06.03.2025