

Table 1 - Information

Item	Detail
Ecologist / Fauna Spotter(s) Completing Pre-Clearance Survey	Name: Madeleine Cicchelli and Jenna Hopp Qualification: Ecologists
Date of Pre-Clearance Survey	28/10/2024
Specific Pre-Clearance Survey Location (Line No./ Tower / Span No.)	L5 Tower 150 Break and Winch Site
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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	
Details of Other:				
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 ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Grey Box (<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia ¹²	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.98	EPBC Act-listed Threatened Ecological Community.
Weeping Myall Woodlands ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley Plains ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Buloke Woodlands of the Riverina and Murray-Darling Depression Bioregions ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mallee Bird Community of the Murray Darling Depression Bioregion ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Plains mallee box woodland of the Murray Darling Depression, Riverina and Naracoorte Coastal Plains bioregions ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for A spear-grass (<i>austrostipa metatoris</i>) ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		



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Habitat for A spear-grass (<i>austrostipa wakoolica</i>) ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Mossgiel Daisy ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Sand-hill Spider Orchid ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for A burr-daisy ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Winged Peppercross ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Chariot Wheels ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Slender Darling Pea ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Yellow Swainson-pea ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Plains Wanderer ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies) ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Habitat for Superb Parrot ¹²	<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:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0.98 ha of endangered BC Act-listed TEC 'Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions' identified within impact area. - Exclusion zones to be installed to restrict access to protected matters outside the construction footprint. - 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Habitat identified: Hollow-bearing trees.	
GPS coordinates and habitat trees recorded?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: Waypoint ID 593B and 594B	
Nest boxes required?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:	
Fauna spotter required to be present during clearing activities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:	
Weeds				
Were any Weeds of National Significance or Priority Weeds identified?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: African Boxthorn (<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>).	
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 and threatened species habitat.	
Unexpected Finds				
Were any Unexpected Finds identified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:	

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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"> - Exclusion zones to be installed prior to construction works commencing. - Hollow-bearing logs to be retained and moved outside the construction boundary for future use as fauna habitat. - Ecologist to be present for clearing activities. - 0.48ha ha of Squirrel Glider habitat mapped within impact area. - Weeds to be managed in accordance with the Biosecurity Management Plan. - Additional weeds: Spear Thistle (<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>), Rye Grass (<i>Lolium</i> sp.), Barley Grass (<i>Horedium</i> sp.), Patterson’s Curse (<i>Echium plantagineum</i>), Hare’s-foot Clover (<i>Trifolium arvense</i>), Flatweed (<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>), <i>Bromus</i> sp., <i>Avena</i> sp. 			

Table 3 – Pre-Clearance Approval

Ecologist	
Pre-clearance Assessment Timeframe for Nominated Works	3 months
Name	Madeleine Cicchelli
Signature	
Date	19/02/2025
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Name	Julie Vaillancourt
Position	Environmental Advisor
Signature	
Date	21/02/2025

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