

EPBC Act (2019/8583) Compliance Report (March 2022 – March 2023) EC.14172 Eyre Peninsula Link

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. Project Context

National Electricity Market (NEM)-connected electricity supply to the Eyre Peninsula (EP) is currently provided via a single main radial electrical transmission system of 132 kV, with radial 132 kV transmission lines extending from the Cultana to Yadnarie substations and from Yadnarie substation west to Wudinna and south to the Port Lincoln substation.

The transmission line between Cultana and Port Lincoln was originally established in 1967 and is approaching an age and condition at which significant infrastructure maintenance and replacement works will be required. Further, in recent years, electricity demand has increased as a result of agricultural, residential, commercial, mining and industrial development, and is forecast to continue to increase as a result of the approval of a number of new mining projects on the EP, and the electricity demands associated with ancillary infrastructure such as processing and port facilities.

To maintain electricity supply to the EP and ensure that sufficient capacity exists to allow for continued development of infrastructure in the EP, ElectraNet are constructing a new electricity transmission line from Cultana to Port Lincoln (the Project). The Project involves:

- a new double-circuit line from Cultana to Yadnarie that is initially energised at 132 kV (with the option to be energised at 275 kV if required in the future); and
- a new 132 kV double-circuit line from Yadnarie to Port Lincoln.

Approximately 265 km of transmission line is being constructed, generally parallel and in close proximity to the existing transmission line. The new transmission line will involve establishing an easement not wider than 100 m, to be located immediately west of the existing 40 m wide transmission line easement.

Construction of the new line commenced in March 2021.

## 1.2. Project Location

The Project is located on the eastern side of the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia and occurs over a distance of approximately 270 km from the existing Cultana electricity substation just north-west of Whyalla, to Port Lincoln (see Figure 1).



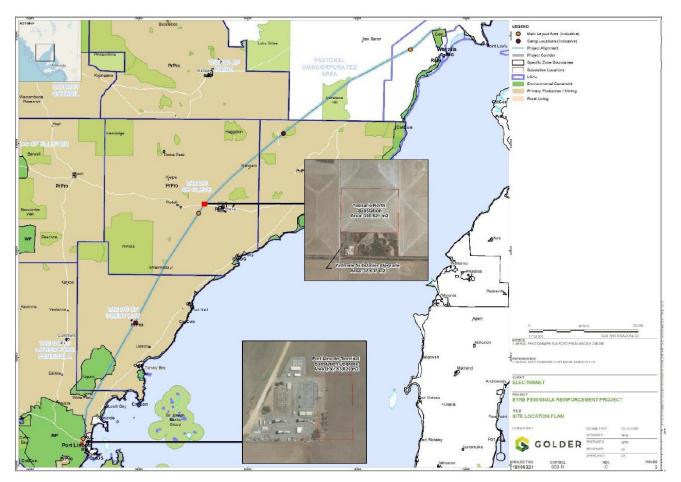


Figure 1: Location of the Project

## 1.3. Purpose of this Document

The purpose of this document is to comply with Condition 20 of the Conditions of Approval associated with the approval of the Project (Project No. 2019/8583) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999* (Cth, EPBC Act), which requires development of an annual Compliance Report (the Report). The Report aims to help in ensuring that the Project is implemented as approved. The Report, following submission, also helps the Australian Government to understand how well approval conditions are being understood and applied, and contribute to improving the effectiveness of their operations.

The Report covers the 12-month period from 11 March 2022 to 11 March 2023.

## 1.4. Proponent Details

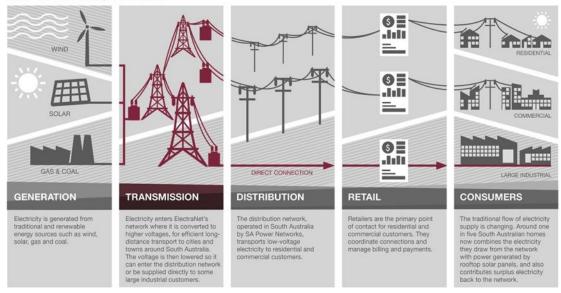
## 1.4.1. ElectraNet

ElectraNet Pty Ltd (ElectraNet) is the principal electricity Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) in South Australia, operating as part of the National Electricity Market under National Electricity Rules. The company's revenue is set by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER).

ElectraNet's role is to own and manage the high-voltage transmission lines and substations that connect this State's electricity generation system to multiple customer connection points, including SA Power Network's lower-voltage distribution network. The role of ElectraNet in the electricity supply chain is shown in Figure 2.



#### How electricity gets to you



#### Figure 2: Role of ElectraNet in the electricity supply chain

ElectraNet's transmission network is one of the most extensive regional transmission systems in Australia, extending across some 200,000 square kilometres of the State. This network consists of transmission lines operating at 132,000 Volts (132 kV) and 275,000 Volts (275 kV), which are supported by both lattice towers and large Stobie poles.

## 1.4.2. Contact Information

Proponent contact details associated with this Compliance Report are described in Table 1.

#### Table 1: Proponent Details

Project	EPLink
Location	Eyre Peninsula, between Cultana and Port Lincoln
Proponent	ElectraNet Pty Ltd
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## 1.5. Declaration of Accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999* (Cth) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both.

I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this Compliance Report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed

Full name (please print) Mr Jon Mussared

Position (please print) Senior Project Manager, EP Link, ElectraNet

Organisation (please print including ABN/ACN if applicable)

## ElectraNet Pty Ltd, ABN 41 094 482 416

Date: 31/5/2023



# 2. COMPLIANCE REPORT REQUIREMENTS

## 2.1. Conditions of Approval

Condition 20 of the Conditions of Approval attached to the approval of the Project under the EPBC Act requires the development of an annual Compliance Report, specifically:

20. The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of commencement of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must:

- a) publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12-month period;
- b) notify the Department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website and provide the weblink for the compliance report within five business days of the date of publication;
- c) keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires;
- d) exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website; and
- e) where any sensitive ecological data has been excluded from the version published, submit the full compliance report to the Department within 5 business days of publication.

Note: Compliance reports may be published on the Department's website.

The content of the Report is further defined in the Conditions of Approval as follows:

Compliance report(s) means written reports:

- *i.* providing accurate and complete details of compliance, incidents, and non-compliance with the conditions and the plans;
- ii. consistent with the Department's Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2014);
- iii. include a shapefile of any clearance of any protected matters, or their habitat,
- iv. undertaken within the relevant 12-month period; and
- v. annexing a schedule of all plans prepared and in existence in relation to the conditions during the relevant 12-month period.

## 2.2. Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2014)

The Commonwealth Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) maintain the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (the Guideline), which aim to provide guidance to approval holders preparing annual compliance reports where required under a condition of their EPBC Act approval.

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Guideline, as described in Table 2.

**Table 2: Proponent Details** 

Guideline Requirement	Reference
EPBC number	Title page, Page header and Section 1.3
Project name	Title page, Section 1.1



Guideline Requirement	Reference
Approval holder and ACN or ABN	Table 1
Description of the approved action	Section 1.1
Location of the project	Section 1.2
Person accepting responsibility for the report – signed declaration	Section 1.5
Dates for the reporting period of the report	Section 1.3
Date of preparation of the report.	Review panel (Page 2)
The compliance report should demonstrate that all conditions of the EPBC approval have been considered and addressed, and list the conditions of the EPBC approval, including any variations to those conditions, noting if compliance or non-compliance with each condition has been achieved.	Table 3
If a management plan is required under an approval condition, the specifics in a management plan that support an approval condition should be detailed in the compliance report and material should be provided demonstrating that the requirements of that plan have been implemented	Table 3

The following designations have been used to record findings in this Report:

**Compliant:** 'Compliance' is achieved when all the requirements of a condition have been met, including the implementation of management plans or other measures required by those conditions.

**Non-compliant:** A designation of 'non-compliance' should be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition, including the implementation of management plans and other measures, have not been met.

**Not applicable**: A designation of 'not applicable' should be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition fall outside of the scope of the current reporting period. For example, a condition which applies to an activity that has not yet commenced.



# 3. PROJECT COMPLIANCE

The compliance (or otherwise) of the Project with the Conditions of Approval and the requirements of approved Management Plans (as relevant) are presented in Table 3.

Results of the assessment demonstrate that the Project has complied with all Conditions of Approval and Management Plan requirements.



Table 3: Compliance Status

Condition No.	Condition of Approval	Compliance Status	Evidence / Justification
COMPLIAN	ICE REPORT		
1	The approval holder must not clear more than 192.02 ha of native vegetation within the development envelope including:	Compliant	The final amount of native vegetation cleared was below the maximum limit of 192.02ha. Temporary: 45.89ha Permanent: 8.88ha
1(i)	clearing of no more than 64.19 ha of Malleefowl Habitat (temporarily) in temporary clearance areas, and 6.25 ha permanently.	Compliant	The total amount of clearing in Malleefowl habitat has taken place and is within the 64.16 ha (temporary) and 6.25ha (permanent) clearance limits: Temporary: 16.57ha Permanent: 5.95ha



Condition No.	Condition of Approval	Compliance Status	Evidence / Justification
1(ii)	clearing of no more than 1.3171 ha of Eyre Peninsula Blue Gum TEC (temporarily) in temporary clearance areas, and 0.035 ha permanently	Compliant	In the Preliminary Documentation and reflecting the Project as it was understood at the time, impacts to EP Blue Gum were largely due to clearance of an on-ground stringing corridor to allow conductor to be pulled under the line. The stringing corridor was to be 2 x 2 m wide tracks located directly under the tower arms to allow the conductor to be raised.
			ElectraNet has subsequently implemented helicopter stringing methods through all areas of EP Blue Gum. This alone eliminates the majority of EP Blue Gum clearance requirements. Further refinements to the design, and the construction methodology have been implemented, including moving access tracks and relocating, reorienting and/or resizing of structure pads. These changes, have resulted in the elimination of the need to clear any EP Blue Gum TEC.
			Minor trimming of limbs has been undertaken on existing landholder access tracks where the posed a safety risk to vehicle movement on the tracks. This trimming has been restricted to the least amount possible and has no impact on EP Blue Gum survivability.
			Implementation of these measures has resulted in there being no clearance of EP Blue Gum TEC and therefore no residual impact that requires the generation of an EPBC Offset.
			As per requirements of Biodiversity & Rehabilitation Management Sub-plan, where Eyre Peninsula Blue Gum is adjacent to clearing works, flagging was installed to lower risk of accidental vehicle movements. Flagging was removed at completion of project.
			Refer to Appendix A.1 for:
			- Biodiversity & Rehabilitation Management Sub-plan
			- EPBC Offset Strategy



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1(iii)	clearing for equipment laydown areas and workers construction camps must not impact on native vegetation	Compliant	Two workers camps have been constructed. One camp is located within the township of Tumby Bay on land owned by the Council for use as an aerodrome, and the other on cropping land to the south of Sheoak Hill Conservation Park, 35km north-west of Cowell. No camps or laydown areas were located in areas of native vegetation. Refer to <b>Appendix B</b> for maps of Work Camps and Laydown Areas.
2	The approval holder must avoid any impacts on the Jumping-jack Wattle	Compliant	<ul> <li>No Jumping Jack Wattle was impacted, due to the following mitigation measures:</li> <li>Barricading and "No-Go" signage</li> <li>Track designed to avoid this area</li> <li>Helicopter stringing</li> <li>Refer to Appendix A.1 for: <ul> <li>Biodiversity &amp; Rehabilitation Management Sub-plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>Refer to Appendix C for <ul> <li>Photos of mitigation measures for Jumping Jack Wattle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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3	The approval holder must not impact any Tufted Bush-pea individuals outside of the areas described as cleared pads in the map at Attachment B [of the Conditions of Approval].	Compliant	<ul> <li>No Tufted Bush-Pea, other than those approved for clearing on two construction pads (included as Attachment B of the Conditions of Approval), were impacted. Further to requirements, other mitigation measurements put in place were: <ul> <li>Existing landholder tracks were used</li> <li>Caging and/or flagging off of individuals on periphery of construction pad to ensure no unintentional damage occurs</li> <li>"No-Go" signage</li> <li>Moving entire construction pad over road to greatly reduce impact on individuals, even though this construction pad was approved for clearing</li> <li>Research Permit organised by Department for Water and Environment (DAWE), South Australia for a representative from the State Herbarium to collect Tufted Bush Peas (that would've otherwise been cleared) for research purposes. Seeds were also collected</li> <li>Signage to works crews stating not to begin work until Construction Manager gave the all-clear</li> <li>Sub-contractor Environmental Advisor present at initial clearing activities to instruct works crew</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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4	To avoid and minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds and dieback ( <i>Phytophthora</i> ) when undertaking any clearing or construction activities, the approval holder must ensure that:		Refer to <b>Appendix E</b> for: - Weed, Pest & Disease Management Sub-plan.
4(i)	all heavy vehicles and machinery are free from any soil and plant material prior to entering the development envelope in accordance with the approved Weed, Pest and Disease Management plan;	Compliant	As per requirements of Weed, Pest & Disease Management Sub- plan, all heavy vehicles and machinery were cleaned down and inspected prior to mobilisation on the Project. <i>DG-ZH-FM071.2</i> <i>Hygiene Inspection Form</i> is completed. Inspection and authorisation was completed by a competent person. Refer to <b>Appendix F.1 and</b> Error! Reference source not found. for: - (i) Hygiene Inspection Form for heavy machinery coming on to the project. Refer to <b>Appendix E</b> for: - Weed, Pest & Disease Management Sub-plan.
4(ii)	all earth-moving machinery is clean of soil and vegetation prior to moving it from an area of known or high Phytophthora threat into an area of low or moderate Phytophthora threat in accordance with the approved Weed, Pest and Disease Management plan;	Compliant	The entire easement is classified as low risk Phytophthora threat due to the results of the 2021 Summer Weed and Phytophthora Survey identifying no signs of Phytophthora along the entire construction activity zone. The closest known phytophthora occurrence is 3km from any construction activity zones. The Downer and ElectraNet Environmental Advisors opportunistically looked for signs of death or dieback of indicator species, none were identified throughout the duration of the project. Refer to <b>Appendix E</b> for: - Weed, Pest & Disease Management Sub-plan



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4(iii)	weed management practices are implemented to minimise the transfer of soil and vegetation prior to moving it into a different area of native vegetation (an area physically separate by cleared land to other areas of native vegetation) in accordance with the approved Weed, Pest and Disease Management plan;	Compliant	<ul> <li>As per requirements of Weed, Pest &amp; Disease Management Subplan:</li> <li>Weed Zones have been established based on the presence of weed species as detailed in Section 8.1. Washdown Bays are constructed at points Weed Zones change, as well as at the two work Camps</li> <li>Inspection and clean down requirements were carried out in accordance with the Weed Zones (ie. inspection and clean down required when travelling from a higher weed zone to a lower weed zone) as detailed in Section 8.2.</li> <li>Records (in the form of completed forms, QR codes, washdown log book entries) have been maintained and are available upon request. See Appendix G for examples of: <ul> <li>Washdown Bays</li> <li>Logbook entries</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4(iv)	weed management practices are implemented to minimise the transfer of soil and vegetation when exiting an area containing Weeds of National Significance or declared weeds under the <i>Landscapes SA Act 2019</i> in accordance with the approved Weed, Pest and Disease Management plan;	Complaint	Refer to Appendix H for:         -       Weed Zone Summary Sheet         -       EPLink QR Code         -       Washdown Location Map
4(v)	no Phytophthora or weed-affected soil, mulch, fill, or other material is brought into the development envelope.	Compliant	To date, all fill that has been imported on-site has been confirmed free of weed and phytophthora, as per requirements of Weed, Pest & Disease Management Sub-plan. As well as confirmation from the supplier, the Downer Environmental Advisor inspects each quarry site for signs of weeds and disease (including Phytophthora). See <b>Appendix I</b> for example of Supplier Statement. Other supplier statements available on request.



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5	A pre-clearance survey must be undertaken by a suitably qualified fauna expert in all areas of potential EPBC Act listed fauna species to determine the presence of EBPC Act listed fauna species within 2 days prior to commencing clearing of any area. Where EPBC Act listed fauna species are present that cannot independently disperse prior to clearing all such fauna must be relocated to the nearest available suitable habitat by a suitably qualified fauna expert, in a manner that ensures their survival, at least 2 days before commencing any clearing in the area that was the subject of that pre-clearance survey.	Compliant	As per requirements of Biodiversity & Rehabilitation Management Sub-plan, pre-clearance surveys are carried out by a suitably qualified fauna expert within two days of clearing activity to identify the presence of EPBC listed fauna species such as any active bird nests or other important fauna habitat features including tree hollows. During the inspection, No Go Area flagging and signage will also be checked. The findings of these pre-clearing inspections, such as identification of fauna habitat features, will be recorded in Pre- clearing Survey Register. To date, no EBPC Listed fauna species have been identified in any area to be cleared. No clearing in areas of potential EBPC Act listed fauna species was carried out in the March 2022 – 2023 period. A pre-clearance Flora and Fauna Inspection was maintained and available on request. See <b>Appendix J</b> for Pre-Clearing Register excerpt.



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6	Low impact clearing methods must be used except in specific locations in respect of which a suitably qualified person has confirmed in writing that low impact clearing methods will not be able to achieve the required construction outcome. A suitably qualified fauna expert must be present during all clearing activities within native vegetation and be given sufficient authority to ensure that clearing activities do not cause injury or death of EPBC Act listed fauna species.	Compliant	As per the Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Management Sub-Plan, low impact clearing methods were used wherever practically possible, and attention is given to try and alter pad shape to avoid trees. The pre-clearing surveys by the Downer Environmental Advisor ensured any fauna habitat were marked with green tape. These habitat features are noted in the Vegetation Disturbance Permit (VDP) and communicated to the work crew via VDP, email and general discussions. As part of the Land Access Permit process, the clearing methodology is nominated and approved in writing to ensure low impact clearing was implemented wherever possible, particularly in saltbush areas. There were, at a minimum, always two suitably qualified Environmental/Fauna experts on-site when clearing activities were taking place.
7	Any clearing required for stringing activities in areas of Eyre Peninsula Blue Gum TEC must be limited to 2 x 2-metre-wide tracks (where aerial stringing is not implemented). Low impact clearing methods must be used except in specific locations where a suitably qualified person has confirmed in writing that low impact clearing methods will not be able to achieve the required outcome. Details of areas cleared, the clearing methods used and justifications if low impact clearing methods are not used must be included in annual compliance reports as required in condition 20 of this approval.	Compliant	Aerial stringing was used, negating the need for 2 x 2 metre-wide tracks. All aerial stringing activities near Eyre Peninsula Blue Gum TEC occurred under tension, avoiding damage to tree limbs.



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8	For the protection of the Malleefowl, the approval holder must implement the approved Malleefowl Management Plan.	Compliant	Of 56 identified mounds, only 10 were found to be active. These 10 mounds had a 500m buffer surrounding them, and during the breeding season (1 October – 28 February) no construction that included clearing, foundations or tower erection took place. The impacted towers were all cleared and had foundations laid and towers erected before 1 October 2022. Active surveillance of the 10 mounds found no nesting activity. See <b>Appendix K.1 and K.2</b> for MFMP and photos of towers erected before 1 October 2021.
9	For the protection of Malleefowl and the Western Grasswren, in all areas of Malleefowl habitat and all areas of the Cultana Training Area within the development envelope, the approval holder must undertake a minimum of bi-annual fox ( <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> ) baiting and annual cat ( <i>Felis catus</i> ) baiting until the rehabilitation outcomes specified in condition 11 have been met.	Compliant	Cat and fox baiting in Western Grasswren habitat (Cultana Training Area) commenced in August 2021 by Tracks In The Sand over a period of two weeks. Cat and Fox baiting commenced again in March 2022, September 2023, and in March 2023 with Yacca Land Management. Baiting programs in Malleefowl habitat are administered four times a year by EcoHorizons, as part of their long-term baiting program, which includes two aerial drops and two hand baiting events. Full data reports are available on request. <b>Note</b> : Baiting programs are ongoing and will continue until rehabilitation outcomes specified in Condition 11 have been met.
9(i)	Fox and cat baiting must be undertaken using approved baits under the <i>Agricultural and Veterinary Products (Control of Use) Act</i> 2002 and be consistent with the relevant South Australian Direction for use documents including suggested baiting densities.	Compliant	Semi-dried 1080 baits sourced from South Australia Department for Environment for cat and fox baiting in Malleefowl habitat. Curiosity PAPP feral cat baits were also used in the Cultana Training Area. These baits are approved under the <i>Agricultural and Veterinary</i> <i>Products (Control of Use) Act 2002</i> and have been used in accordance with guidelines specified by PIRSA. <b>Note</b> : Baiting programs are ongoing and will continues until rehabilitation outcomes specified in Condition 11 have been met.

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Condition No.	Condition of Approval	Compliance Status	Evidence / Justification
10	To meet the requirements of condition 11, the approval holder must have undertaken vegetation surveys prior to the clearing of each temporary clearance area within potential EPBC Act listed flora and fauna species habitat which detail the existing vegetation species composition, structure, and density and habitat quality and condition for the purpose of undertaking rehabilitation. The results of the vegetation surveys must be submitted to the Department prior to energising the transmission line.	Compliant	Vegetation surveys of clearance areas were completed by EBS Ecology within potential EPBC Act listed flora and fauna species habitat. The surveys were done using the Bushland Assessment Method, which calculates a 'Vegetation Condition Score''. The results of the vegetation surveys have been submitted to the Department prior to energising the transmission line.
11	The approval holder must rehabilitate all temporary clearance areas within potential EPBC Act listed flora and fauna species habitat to reinstate vegetation species composition, structure, density and habitat quality and condition equivalent to or better than that recorded in the preclearance surveys as required by condition 10, for each temporary clearance area within potential EPBC Act listed flora and fauna species habitat. Within 15 years of the date of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must submit a rehabilitation report detailing the results of rehabilitation in achieving vegetation species composition, structure, density and habitat quality and condition equivalent to or better than that recorded in the pre-clearance surveys.	Compliant	Rehabilitation activities have been completed. Within 15 years of the date of the commencement of the action, t ElectraNet will submit a rehabilitation report detailing the results of rehabilitation in achieving vegetation species composition, structure, density and habitat quality and condition equivalent to or better than that recorded in the pre-clearance surveys.
12	If the Minister advises the approval holder in writing that she/he is not satisfied that rehabilitation has met the vegetation species composition, structure, density and habitat quality and condition 4 equivalent to or better than that recorded in the pre-clearance surveys in respect of any specified temporary clearance area(s) within potential EPBC Act listed flora and fauna species habitat, the approval holder must submit a Rehabilitation Management Plan within three (3) months of receiving such advice from the Minister. If the Minister approves the Rehabilitation Management Plan, then the approval holder must implement the approved Rehabilitation Management Plan.	Not applicable	



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13	To compensate for the residual significant impacts to the Malleefowl and Eyre Peninsula Blue Gum TEC, including the clearing of up to 77.44 ha of Malleefowl habitat and 1.352 ha of Eyre Peninsula Blue Gum TEC, the approval holder must, within six (6) months of the date of this approval, submit an Offset Strategy for the Minister's approval. The Offsets Strategy must:	Compliant	The Eyre Peninsula Link EPBC Offset Strategy (including both Malleefowl and EP Blue Gum) was approved by the Minister's Delegate on 16 February 2023. Refer to <b>Appendix M</b> for the Eyre Peninsula Link EPBC Offset Strategy (including both Malleefowl and EP Blue Gum).	
13(i)	specify the final area of Malleefowl habitat and Eyre Peninsula Blue Gum TEC that will be cleared by the action;			
13(ii)	propose detailed offsets that will realise a conservation benefit for the MalleefowI and Eyre Peninsula Blue Gum TEC in accordance with relevant approved conservation advice, recovery plan, threat abatement plans and regional conservation plans;			
13(iii)	include a description of the potential risks to the successful implementation of any proposed offset (including, but not limited to, environmental, administrative, financial and governance risks);			
13(iv)	include a description of the measures that will be implemented to mitigate risks associated with any proposed offset and a description of the contingency measures that will be implemented if triggers are detected or completion criteria are not met;			
13(v)	include processes to adaptively manage proposed offsets;			
13(vi)	explain how the proposed offsets meet the requirements/principles of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy;			
13(vii)	ensure the measures that will be implemented as part of the Offset Strategy have no detrimental impact on EPBC Act listed flora or fauna species.			



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14	The approval holder must implement the approved Offset Strategy. The approval holder must commence implementation of the offsets specified in the approved Offset Strategy within three months of the approval of the Offset Strategy, or another time as agreed in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must not energise the transmission line unless the Offsets Strategy has been approved by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	The Eyre Peninsula Link EPBC Offset Strategy (including both Malleefowl and EP Blue Gum) was approved by the Minister's Delegate on 16 February 2023. Implementation of the Eyre Peninsula Transmission Line Malleefowl Offset Strategy commenced on 3 June 2022.
15	The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of the date of commencement of the action within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action. The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of the date on which clearing is first undertaken in a temporary clearance area within 10 business days after the date on which clearing is first undertaken in a temporary clearance area. The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of the date on which the transmission line is first energised within 10 business days after the date on which the transmission line is first energised.	Compliant	Notification of commencement and clearing was provided to the Department in writing and DAWE provided acknowledgement of the receipt on 29 April 2021.
16	If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the prior written agreement of the Minister.	Compliant	The action has commenced.
17	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records	Compliant	Compliance records are maintained in ElectraNet's corporate Document Management System - SharePoint.
18	If the Department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the Department within the timeframe specified in the request.	Not applicable	
19	The approval holder must:	Compliant	



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19(a)	submit plans electronically to the Department;		The references <b>Plans</b> were submitted to the Department as part of the Preliminary Document. No updates to the Management Plans
19(b)	unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, publish each plan on the website within 20 business days of the date:		were undertaken in this reporting period. Management Plans are also published on <u>www.electranet.com.au.</u>
19(b)(i)	of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions; OR		
19(b)(ii)	the plan was approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister;		
19(c)	exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or provided to a member of the public;		
19(d)	keep plans published on the website until the end date of this approval.		
20	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12- month period following the date of commencement of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must:	Compliant	This Annual Compliance Report is provided to comply with Condition 20.
20(a)	publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12-month period;		
20(b)	notify the Department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website and provide the weblink for the compliance report within five business days of the date of publication;		
20(c)	keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires;		



Condition No.	Condition of Approval	Compliance Status	Evidence / Justification
20(d)	exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website;		
20(e)	where any sensitive ecological data has been excluded from the version published, submit the full compliance report to the Department within 5 business days of publication.		
21	The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of any: incident; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans. The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than two business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance. The notification must specify:	Complaint	mplaint No notifiable incidents, non-compliances with conditions or non- compliance with the plans have arisen during this reporting period.
21(a)	any condition which is or may be in breach;		
21(b)	a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance;		
21(c)	the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.		
22	The approval holder must provide to the Department the details of any incident or noncompliance with the conditions or commitments made in plans as soon as practicable and no later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance, specifying:	Compliant	No notifiable incidents, non-compliances with conditions or non- compliance with the plans have arisen during this reporting period.
22(a)	any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future;		
22(b)	the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance;		



Condition No.	Condition of Approval	Compliance Status	Evidence / Justification
22(c)	the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.		
23	The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the Minister.	Not applicable	
24	For each independent audit, the approval holder must:	Not applicable	
24(a)	provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the Department;		
24(b)	only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the Department;		
24(c)	submit an audit report to the Department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria.		
25	The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the Department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.	Not applicable	
26	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 4, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.	Not applicable	



Condition No.	Condition of Approval	Compliance Status	Evidence / Justification
27	The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 4, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under Section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.	Not applicable	
28	If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 27 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must:	Not applicable	
28(a)	notify the Department in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the Department with:		
28(a)(i)	an electronic copy of the RAMP;		
28(a)(ii)	an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;		
28(a)(iii)	an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;		
28(a)(iv)	the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact;		
28(a)(v)	written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the Department;		



Condition No.	Condition of Approval	Compliance Status	Evidence / Justification
28(b)	subject to condition 30, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.		
29	The approval holder may revoke their choice to implement a RAMP under condition 27 at any time by giving written notice to the Department. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 27, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 27.	Not applicable	
30	If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then:	Not applicable	
30(a)	condition 27 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP;		
30(b)	the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice.		
31	At the time of giving the notice under condition 30, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 27 does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.	Not applicable	
32	Within 30 days after the completion of the action, the approval holder must notify the Department in writing and provide completion data.	Compliant	The completion report and associated spatial data for the transmission line was submitted to DCCEEW on 27 March 2023.



# 4. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND NEW RISKS

## 4.1. New Environmental Risks

This section of the Report identifies and discusses any new environmental risks that have become apparent during the reporting period (e.g., new pest or diseases, new information on groundwater levels, unexpected erosion etc.).

Where a new risk has been identified, an analysis of the consequences and likelihood of potential impacts to Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) or to the likelihood (or otherwise) of achieving compliance with Conditions of Approval and/or Management Plan requirements has been undertaken.

No new environmental risks were identified during the reporting period.

## 4.2. Corrective Actions

## 4.2.1. Previous Non-Compliances

As this is the first Compliance Report, there are no previous instances of non-compliance to address.

## 4.2.2. Current Non-Compliances

During the assessment, no non-compliances were identified.



# 5. **REFERENCES**

DAWE. 2014. Annual Compliance Report Guidelines,

https://www.awe.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/annual-compliance-report-guidelinesrevised.pdf, Australian Government Department of the Environment.

ElectraNet (2020). *Preliminary Documentation Report (EPBC 2019/8583)*, Prepared for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (Cth), Adelaide.



# Appendices

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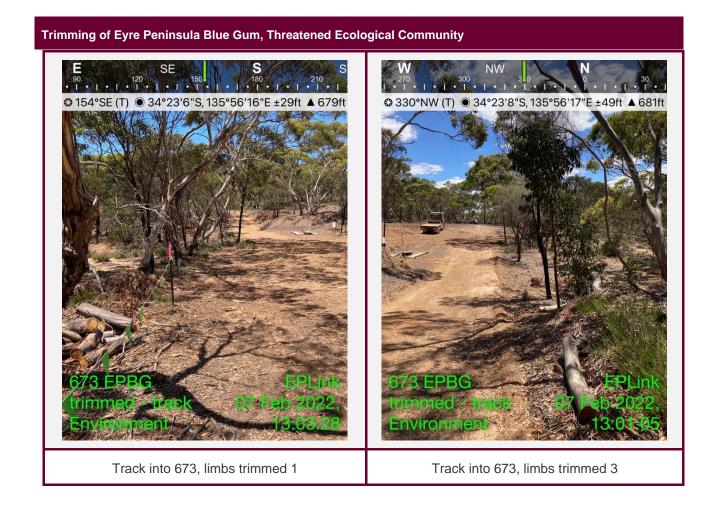
# Appendix A Section 3 Condition 1(ii)

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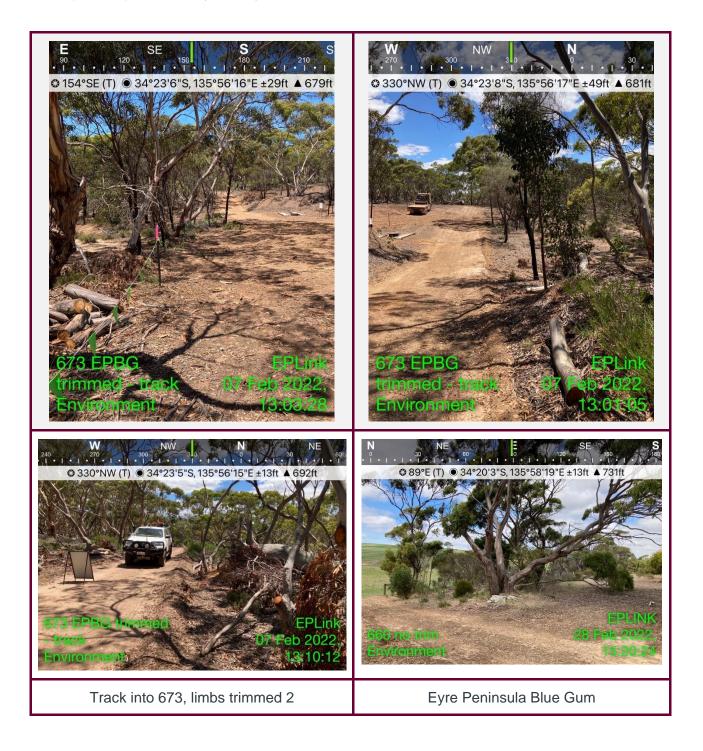
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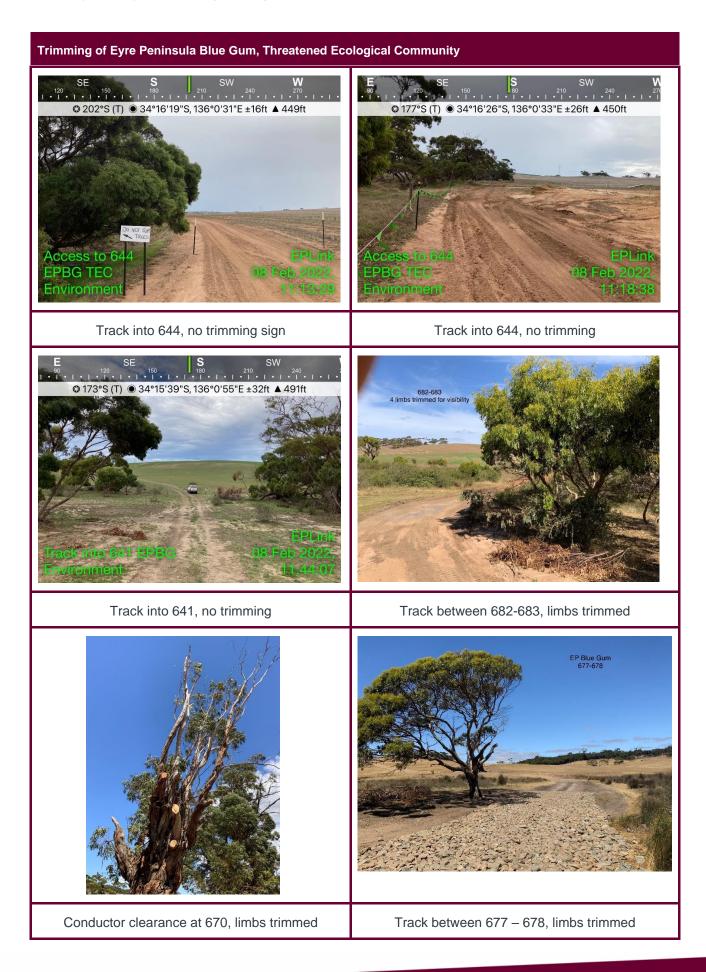
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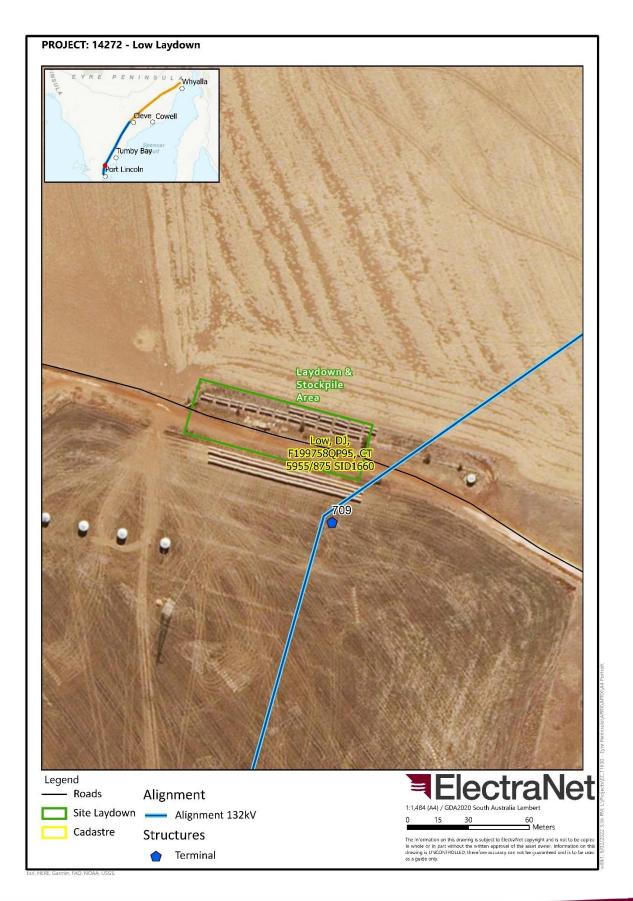


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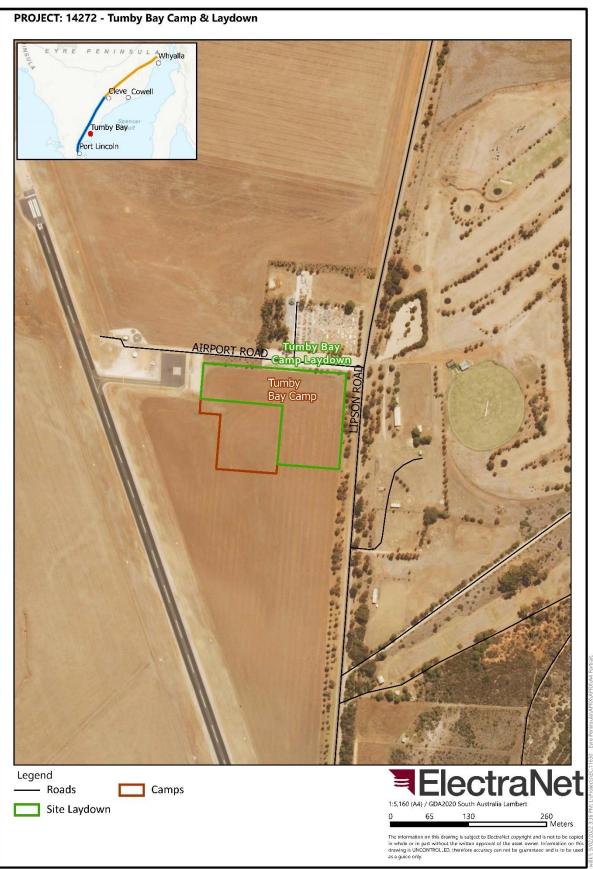
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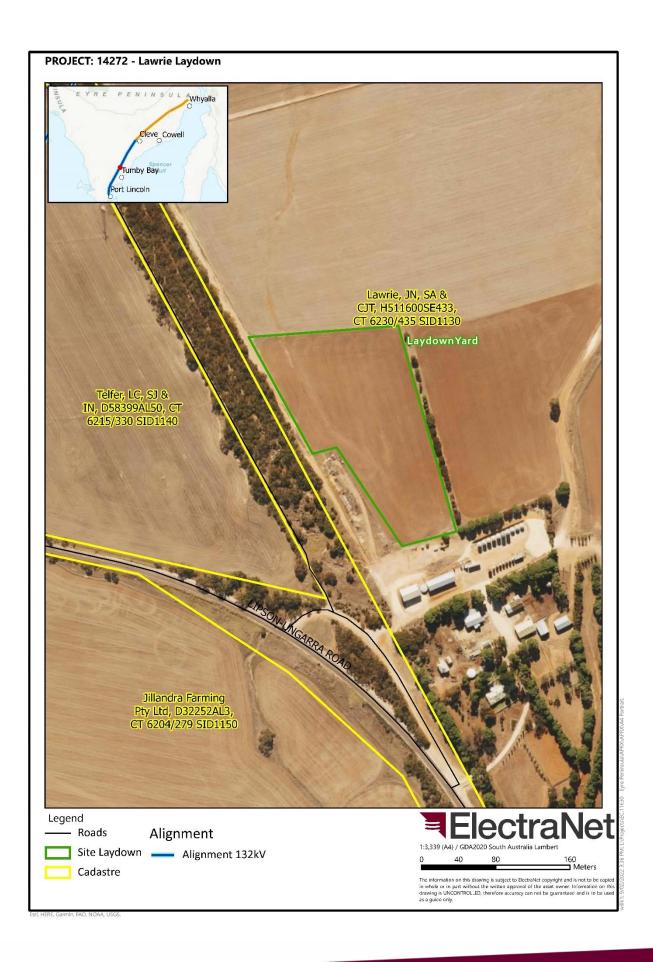




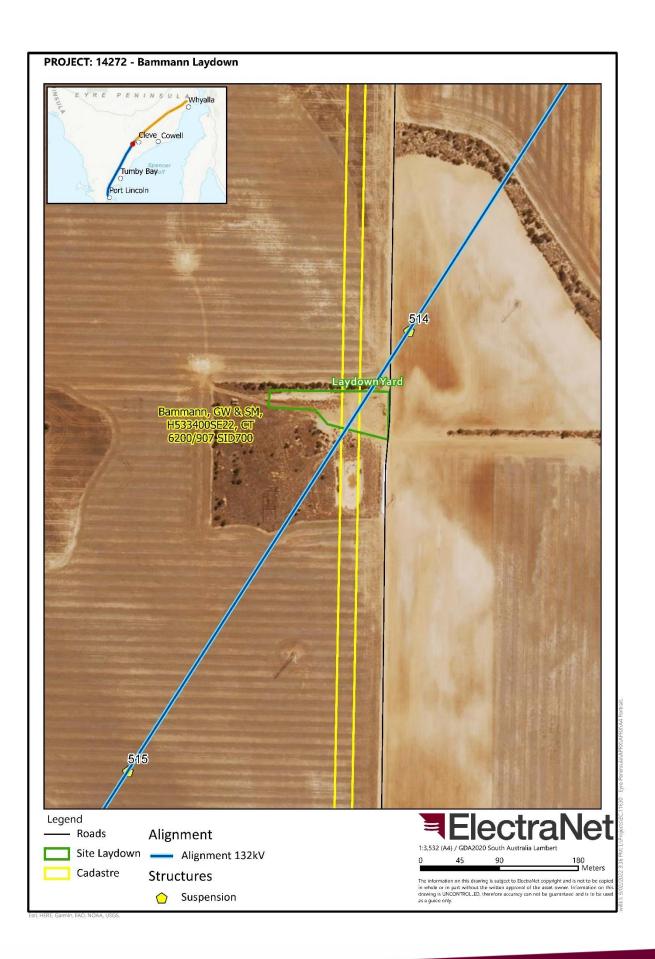








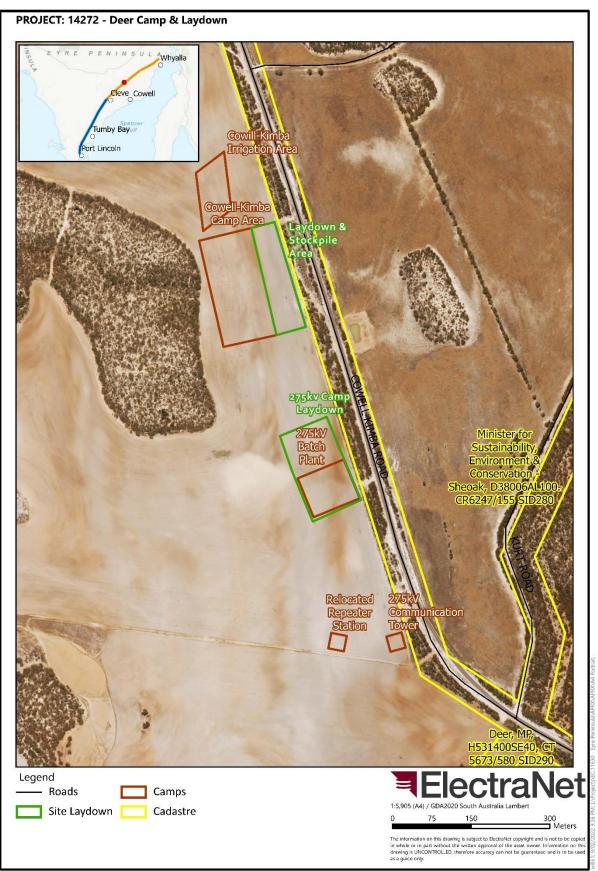










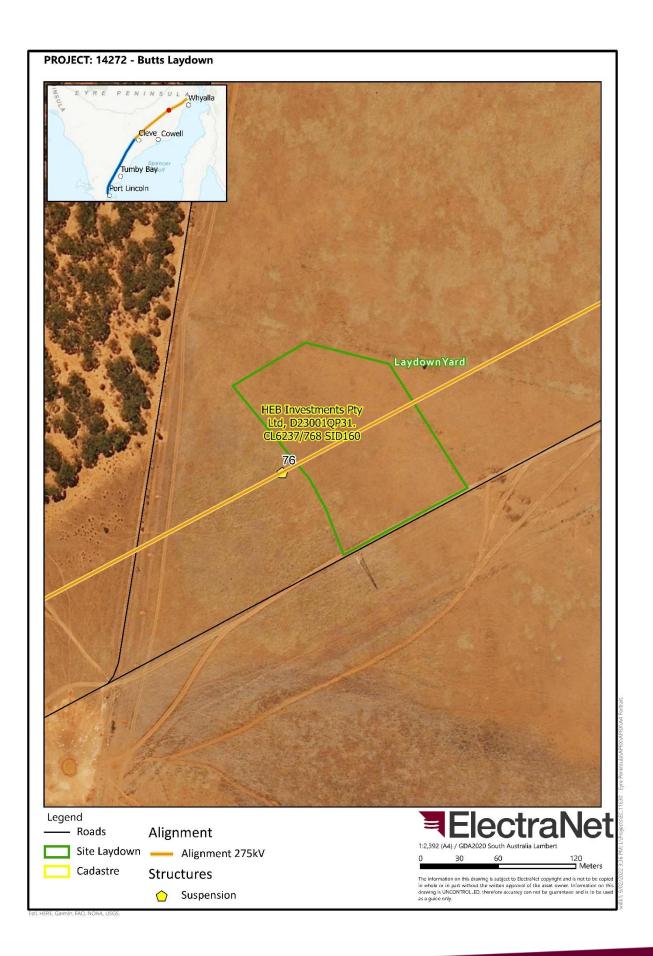


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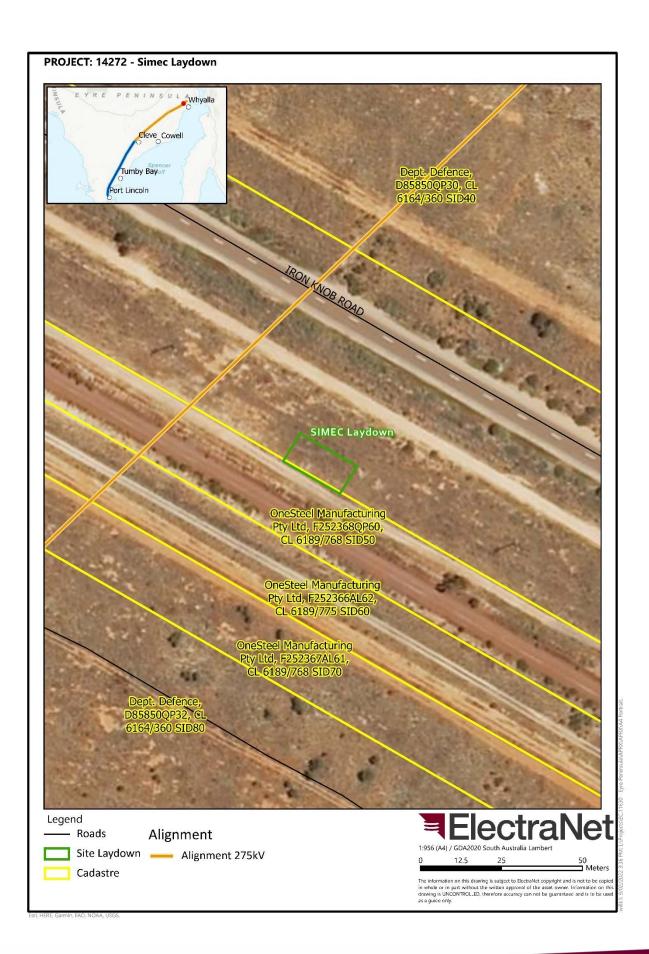
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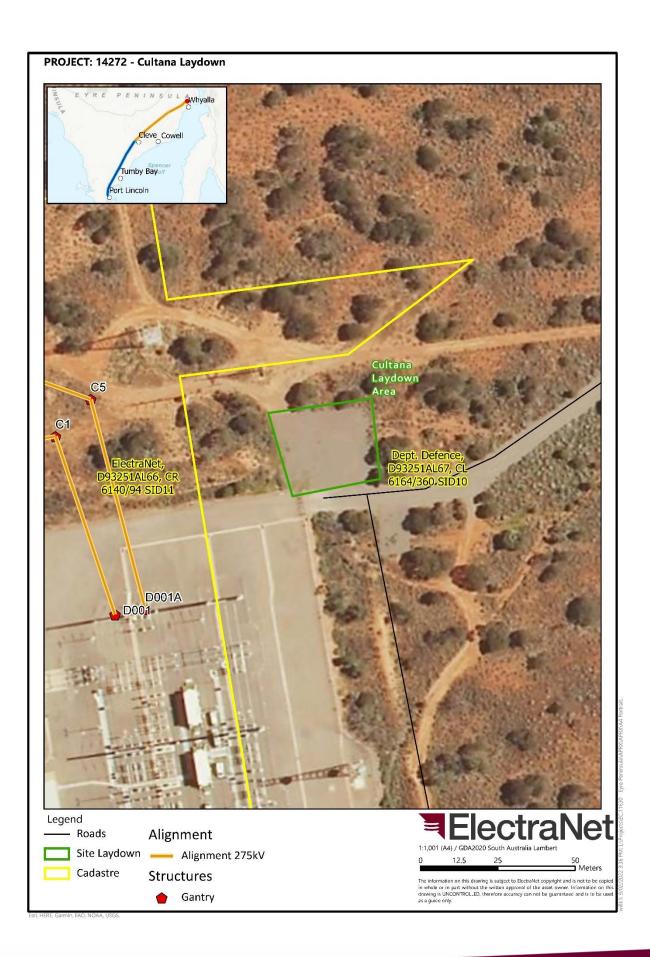








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# Appendix C Section 3 Condition 2 Photos of mitigation measures for Jumping Jack Wattle

#### **Before Clearing**





#### After Clearing







## Appendix D Tufted Bush Pea







# Jufted Bush Peas SE 10







REF: Notification of approval for Katrina Pobke to collect on behalf of the State Herbarium of South



Department for Environment and Water

#### State Herbarium of South Australia

Department for Environment and Water Prof Michelle Waycott

Chief Botanist

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michelle.waycott@sa.gov.au www.environment.sa.gov.au

Date: 23/11/2021

Australia.

To Whom It May Concern;

I approve Katrina Pobke to collect specimens on behalf of the State Herbarium under our permit. This approval is given for the duration of the work expected to be undertaken to collect specimens of *Pultenaea trichophylla* and any appropriate associated vegetation, during field work during this calendar year (until 31 December 2021). I give this permission as the permit holder, Chief Botanist Professor Michelle Waycott, State Herbarium of South Australia permit number G25787-5 (Scientific Research Permit). Katrina Pobke has agreed to abide by the terms of this permit and will lodge collected speciens and associated data with the State Herbarium of South Australia upon completion of the work.

Yours faithfully,

Jayes t

Professor Michelle Waycott Chief Botanist, State Herbarium of South Australia Department for Environment and Water



# Appendix E Section 3 Condition 4 Weed, Pest & Disease Management Sub-plan.

This sub-plan is available to view on the ElectraNet website via the following link, refer to *EPBC Approval.* 

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# Appendix F Section 3 Condition 4(i) Hygiene Inspection Forms for Heavy Machinery coming on to the Project.

#### F.1. Hygiene Inspection Form Diesel Truck

#### DG-ZH-FM071.2 Hygiene Inspection Form



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#### DG-ZH-FM071.2 Hygiene Inspection Form



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Declaration: I have carried out the checklist inspection, and verified / performed cleaning as required

Inspector Name	Seb madden
Telephone/Mobile:	0419887779
Inspection Location:	Tumby
Signature:	GM
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4/1/2022 Josephine Telfer
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# Appendix G Section 3 Condition 4(iii) Washdown Bays and Logbook Entries



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Examples of Washdown Bays	
E       SE       S       SW         90       120       150       180       210       240         163°S (T)       34°21'38"S, 136°5'53"E ±36ft       21ft	
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Tumby Camp Washdown environment	
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# Appendix H Section 3 Condition 4(iv) Weed Management

#### H.1. Weed Zone Summary Sheet



#### Weed Management Zones



The Table below summarises the Weed Management Zones used for determining vehicle and plant inspection and clean down requirements. For clean down, this will be brush down in dry weather and washdown in wet weather. This document should be used as a guide in conjunction with the Weed, Pest and Disease Management Sub-Plan.

275 kV Line					
Structure	Weed Zone	Requirements			
Prior	to commencement	All vehicles/ plant to be inspected for the presence of weeds and have a completed Hygiene Inspection Form with a sticker as evidence			
1-24	Low	Clean down required prior to entering from medium or high zone			
25-84	Medium	Clean down required prior to entering from high zone			
85-167	Low	Clean down required prior to entering from medium or high zone Weeds managed in this area. No access outside of designated access routes, laydown and work areas.			
168-236	Medium	Clean down required prior to entering from high zone			
Prior to entry from 132 kV line		Clean down required prior to entering 275 kV line from 132 kV line			

	132 kV Line					
Structure	Weed Zone	Requirements				
Prior to e	entry from 275 kV line	Clean down required prior to entering 132 kV line from 275 kV line				
501-526	Medium	Clean down required prior to entering from high zone				
527-531	High					
532-566	Medium	Clean down required prior to entering from high zone				
567-597	High					
598-626	Medium	Clean down required prior to entering from high zone				
627-632	Managed Weed Zone	Washdown required when entering and exiting this property				
633-648	High					
649-688	Medium	Clean down required prior to entering from high zone				
689-707	High					
708-751	Medium	Clean down required prior to entering from high zone				



#### H.2. EPLink QR Code



DOWNER VEHICLE/PLANT WASHDOWN RECORD

# DOWNER CLEANDOWN/WASHDOWN RECORD

# DOWNER EP LINK PERSONNEL

Downer EPLink personnel please scan the below QR code to complete a record of your vehicle or plant wash down or clean down.



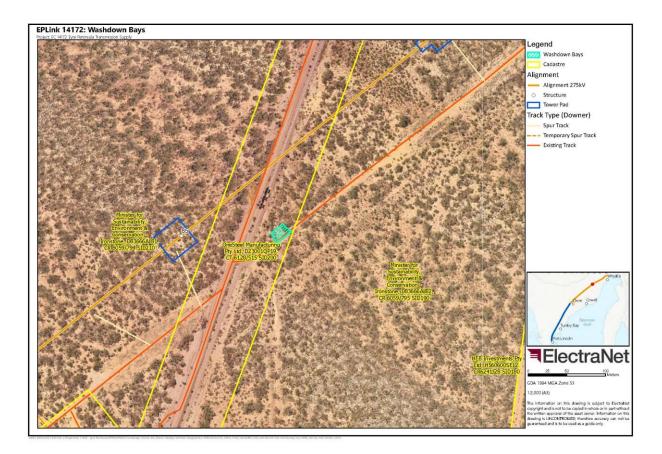
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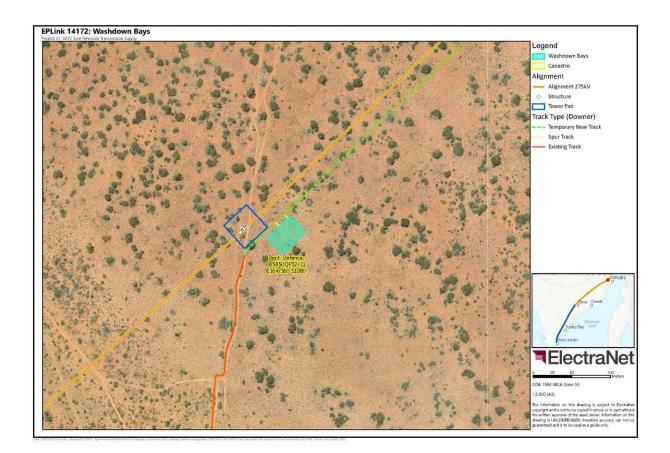
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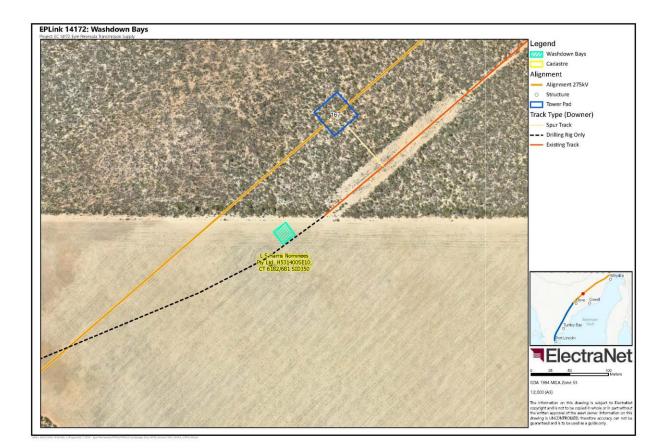


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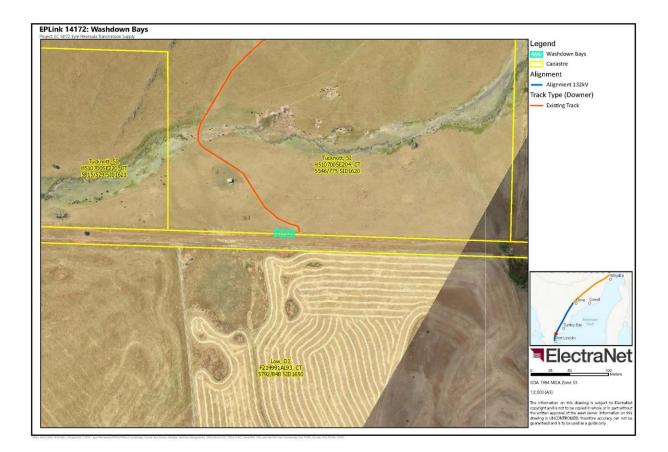




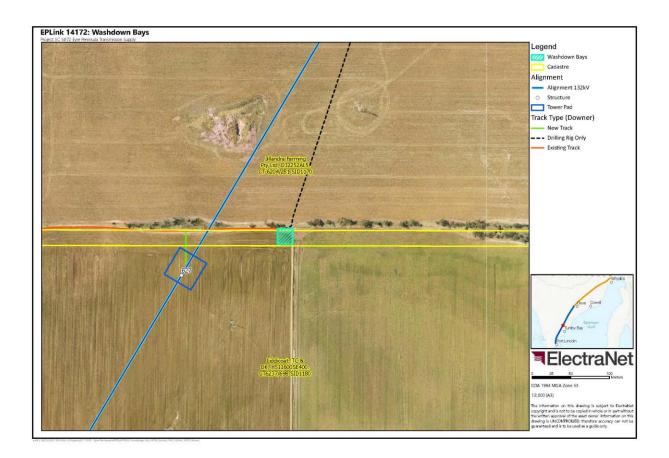


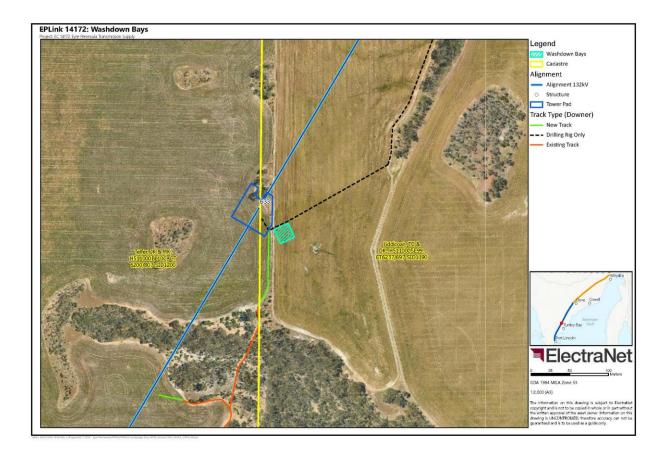






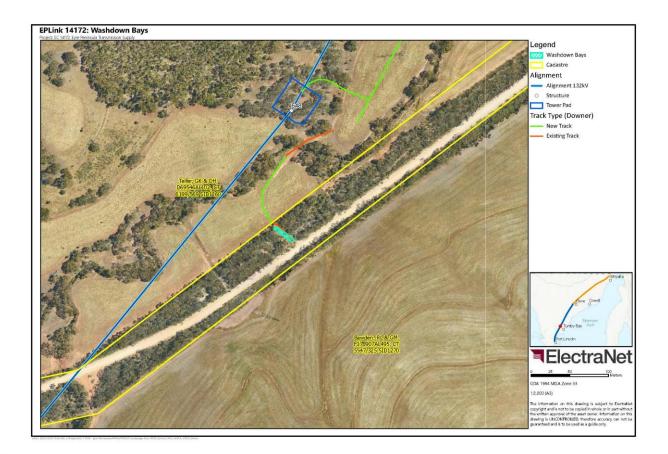




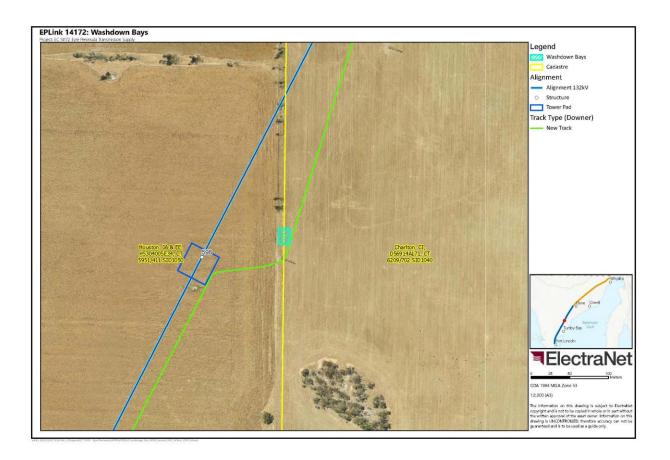














# Appendix I Section 3 Condition 4(v) Example of Supplier Statement

#### Re: Weed and Pest Free



James Dodd <poonindiequarries@gmail.com> To O Sebastian Madden

i) Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

#### Hi Sebastian

all material purchased is weed and pest free.

Can you please advise how we can get our outstanding bill paid?

Thanks Jim

Virus-free. www.avg.com

On Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 2:32 PM Sebastian Madden <<u>Sebastian.Madden@downergroup.com</u>> wrote:

Hi Jim,

Hope you've had a good start to the new year.

I forgot to ask back when I came and did the inspection of the quarry. Are you able to give me an email stating that the fill material we have purchased is 'weed & pest free'?

It is standard practice that we request this from all our quarry suppliers.

Cheers,

Sebastian Madden Environmental Advisor Infrastructure Projects



M | 0436 392 484 E | <u>Sebastian Madden@downergroup.com</u> 28 Mulcontay Road Whyala SA 5600 www.downergroup.com



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# Appendix J Section 3 Condition 5 Excerpt of Pre-clearing Register

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	Date	Line Reference	Structure/s	Attendees	Targeted	Fauna Sighted	Comments	Spotter/Catcher Required During Clearing/Disturbance?	Clearing type
					General Fauna Habitat,				
					Southern Emu Wren,				
					Communities – Support				
	5/02/2022	132kV	743 - 751	Sebastian Madden	EPBC Flora	Nil		No	Mulching
					General Fauna Habitat,				
					Southern Emu Wren,				
					Communities - Support				
	5/02/2022	132kV	B1 - B29	Sebastian Madden	EPBC Flora	Nil		No	Mulching



# Appendix K Section 3 Condition 8 Malleefowl Protection

#### K.1. Malleefowl Management Plan

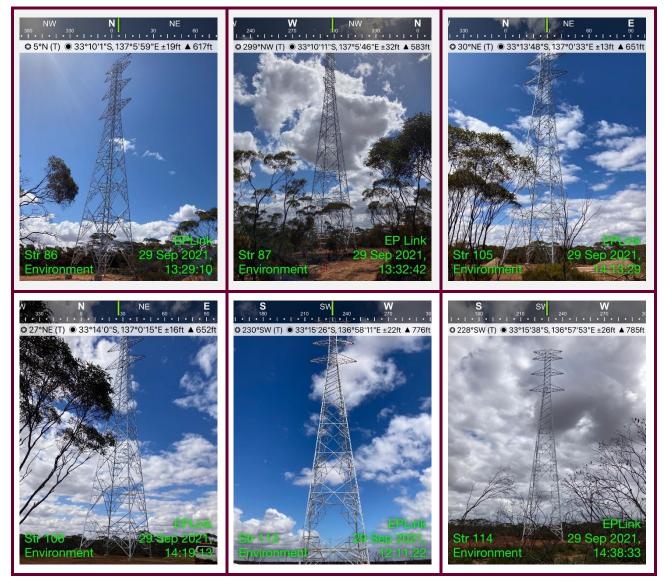
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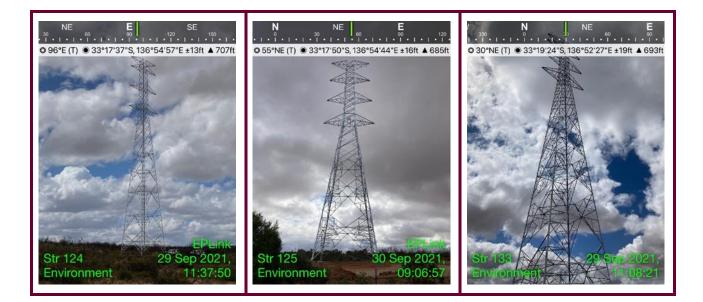


#### K.2. Photos of towers erected before 1 October 2021

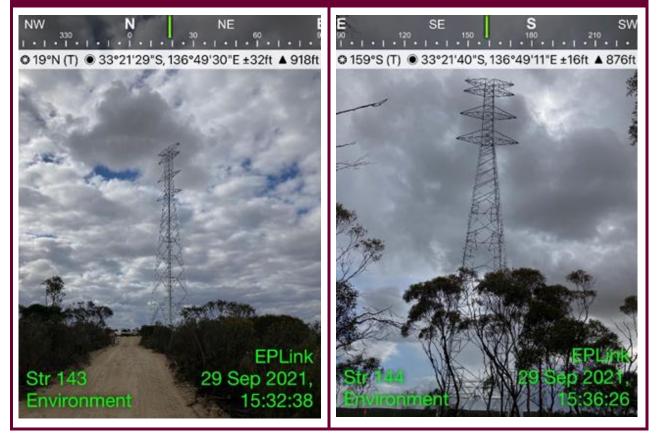
Towers within 500m buffer zone of 'active' mallee fowl mounds constructed prior to breeding season (1st October)







Towers within 500m buffer zone of 'active' mallee fowl mounds constructed prior to breeding season (1st October)









# Appendix L Section 3 EBS EPLink Vegetation Pre-Clearing Condition Report

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## Appendix M Condition 13 Malleefowl Offset Strategy

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