

Attachment 3

Avoidance and mitigation Measures:

Minimisation of clearing strategies as Advised by Western Power:

All other constraints have been considered and clearing was deemed the most significant risk. Methods to avoid and minimise clearing considered during the design phase included:

1. Placement of laydown areas, turnarounds etc. in previously cleared land
2. Utilisation of existing access tracks where possible
3. Restriction of works to existing maintenance zone where possible
4. Utilisation of pruning instead of clearing where possible
5. Utilisation of farmer's paddocks and previously cleared areas where possible
6. Undergrounding of cables and drilling instead of trenching
7. Selection of joint and entry/exit hole locations to avoid clearing of (high value) vegetation
8. Early and continual engagement with western power environment team to highlight proposed risks and avoid where possible
9. Using larger line spans that can span over vegetation
10. Using structures with smaller footprints
11. Implementing lower impact clearing methodologies, for example hand clearing instead of mechanical clearing