Appendix E

Unexpected Threatened Species Procedure

Threatened fauna or flora species is unexpectedly encountered within Project Area during construction or operation

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STOP WORK

- Worker to notify the Contractors Environmental Representative (CER) immediately.
- Immediately cease all clearing and construction work in Stage 1 that may impact the species.
- CER to notify Powerlink Queensland within 24 hours.

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- CER (or delegate) to document the unexpected find immediately upon discovery.

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Supervisor/CER to demarcate area/prevent access via an exclusion zone to reduce impacts on the species within 24 hours and redirect works to an alternate area as required.

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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) to be notified within 48 hours in accordance with Condition 4 of the EPBC Act Approval.

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- CER to consult with a suitably qualified expert to determine the significance of the likely impact to the threatened species within 15 business days
- If a significant impact is likely to occur, consultation is to be undertaken with DCCEEW and/or the Department of Environment and Science.
- Powerlink Queensland to provide a detailed report to DCCEEW within 30 days in accordance with Condition 4e of the EPBC Act Approval.
- Obtain any relevant licences, permits or approvals required if the threatened species is likely to be significantly

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- Suitably qualified expert (SQE) to determine mitigation options in consultation with Powerlink Queensland within 30 days.
- Implement all management measures recommended by the SQE and/or Powerlink Queensland in accordance with relevant licences, permits or approvals.

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Following approval to recommence works by Powerlink Queensland, the exclusion zone will be lifted and all controls will be removed before work commences.

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The following actions will also be undertaken:

- Maintain regular inspections as determined by the SQE
- Relevant information on the species will be added to the inductions and a toolbox talks to ensure site personnel are aware of the MNES species present
- CER to provide Powerlink Queensland with relevant information to enable consultation with DCCEEW to assess whether additional biodiversity offsets are required.
- Powerlink Queensland to include any new offset requirements into an Offset Management Plan (OMP) relevant for the Stage