











5.1 Existing landscape character

The west and east alignment of the Project would follow a route that passes through a diverse range of landscapes with a variety of topographic features. The majority of the landscape along the west and east alignment supports rural and semi -rural activities and includes areas of timbered wilderness (National Parks, State Forests and Conservation Areas) as well as small rural townships and larger urban conurbations. The Project would cross a small number of roads carrying varying volumes of traffic. The more significant roads include the Bruxner Highway, New England Highway, Mount Lindesay Highway and the Summerland Way. The Project would also cross a number of unsealed roads and access tracks leading to farms and private residential properties. The west and east alignment of the Project is illustrated in **Figures 2** to **12**, and include Angle Positions (AP) that indicate the location at which the transmission line would change direction.

The following section illustrates the landscape character within and surrounding portions of the Project through the west and east alignments. Refer to **Figures 2** to **12** for location of photographs **P1** to **P26**.

Plate 5 (Photograph Location P1) - AP 1 to 2



From AP1 to AP2 the transmission line would cross level and gently undulating cultivated land, generally cleared with occasional individual or small tree stands. The moderate to high VAC of the landscape between AP1 and AP2 is generally defined by rising slopes with dense timber cover.

Plate 6 (Photograph Location P2) - AP8 to 12



From AP8 to AP12 the transmission line would cross undulating land with occasional individual or small tree stands as well as timbered hillsides. The high VAC of the landscape between AP8 and AP12 is generally defined by rising slopes with dense timber cover.

Plate 7 (Photograph Locations P3) - AP15 to 17



From AP15 to AP17 the transmission line would cross undulating grassland with occasional individual or small tree stands as well as the Mole River Corridor. The moderate VAC of the landscape between AP15 and AP17 is generally defined by the undulating landform.

Plate 8 (Photograph Location P4) - AP17 to 18



From AP17 to AP18 the transmission line would cross sloping hillside with scattered tree stands. The high VAC of the landscape between AP17 and AP18 is generally defined by the rising landform and tree cover.

Plate 9 (Photograph Location P5) - AP21 to 22



From AP21 to AP22 the transmission line would cross sloping land with scattered trees. The moderate VAC of the landscape between AP21 and AP22 is generally defined by undulating landform.

Plate 10 (Photograph Location P6) - AP22 to AP23



From AP22 to AP23 the transmission line would cross gently undulating land with scattered trees. The moderate VAC of the landscape between AP22 and AP23 is generally defined by undulating landform.

Plate 11 (Photograph Location P7) – AP24 to 25



From AP24 to AP25 the transmission line would cross gently undulating land with scattered or grouped trees. The high VAC of the landscape between AP24 and AP25 is generally defined by undulating landform and scattered tree cover.

Plate 12 (Photograph Location P8) - AP25 to 26



From AP25 to AP26 the transmission line would cross very gently undulating land with scattered or grouped trees. The moderate to low VAC of the landscape between AP25 and AP26 is generally defined by open low undulating landform and occasional individual or small tree stands.

Plate 13 (Photograph Location P9) - AP26



At AP26 the transmission line would cross Tenterfield Creek flanked by very gently undulating land and scattered or grouped trees. The moderate VAC of the landscape between at AP26 is generally defined by low undulating landform and occasional individual or small tree stands.

Plate 14 (Photograph Location P10) - AP26 to 27



From AP26 to AP27 the transmission line would cross very gently undulating to level farmland with scattered or grouped trees. The moderate VAC of the landscape between AP26 and AP27 is generally defined by open low undulating landform and occasional individual or small tree stands.

Plate 15 (Photograph Location P11) - AP27 to 28



From AP27 to AP28 the transmission line would cross very gently undulating to level farmland with scattered or grouped trees. The moderate VAC of the landscape between AP27 and AP28 is generally defined by open low undulating landform and occasional individual or small tree stands.

Plate 16 (Photograph Location P12) - AP28



From AP28 the transmission line would cross gently undulating to farmland with scattered or grouped trees. The moderate VAC of the landscape at AP28 is generally defined by low undulating landform and occasional individual or small tree stands.

Plate 17 (Photograph Location P13) - AP28 to 29



Between AP28 and 29 the transmission line would span the New England Highway and moderate sloping land east and west of the road corridor. The moderate to high VAC of the landscape between AP28 and 29 is generally defined by undulating landform and moderate to dense tree cover.

Plate 18 (Photograph Location P14) - AP33 to 35



Between AP33 and 35 the transmission line would cross moderate to steep timbered hillsides. The high VAC of the landscape between AP33 and 35 is generally defined by undulating landform and moderate to dense tree cover.