

EDO-NQ Alert!

7th April 2008

Invitation for public comment on referrals –

- 57 urban residential subdivision on Valley Drive, Cannonvale – comments by Wednesday 9th April.
- Mining in the area 45km north-west of Collinsville (south-west of Bowen and Townsville) – comments by 17th April
- Draft Dept of the Env, Water, Heritage and the Arts report on assessing the impact of importing live Impala – comments by Wednesday 14th May

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Please send your comments on whether the proposed actions should be controlled actions under the EPBC Act quoting the reference number and title of the referral to:

Email: epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au

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For further information on how to comment refer to the [Help](#) document provided by the Department of the Environment and Water Resources.

2008/4123	Denis Gillen/Residential development/Valley Drive, Cannonvale, Shire of Whitsunday/QLD/Lot 6 Residential Subdivision - 59 lots	Deadline Date 09 Apr 2008
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Subdivision of Lot 6 on RP737335 into 57 urban residential properties and retention of most part as natural bush land. The development is located adjacent to the Conway State Forest on Valley Drive, Cannonvale. The report concluded that threatened and migratory species impacts are minimised by the fact that the proposed development will be limited to the north-western section and the Prosperpine Rock Wallably Habitat within proposed Lot 200, which is to be retained largely in its natural state.

2008/4135	Conquest Mining Ltd/Mining/EPM 10164, 45 km north-west of Collinsville, north QLD/QLD/Mount Carlton Silver Hill Mining Project	Deadline Date 17 Apr 2008
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The proposed Project is located approximately 45km north north-west of Collinsville, 80km west south-west of the City of Bowen and 150km south south-west of the City of Townsville. It includes the development of the deposit known as Silver Hill, to extract copper sulphide ore, gold and silver at approximately 1.5 million tonnes per annum. Three additional satellite pits may also be developed in the future including Herbert Creek, Mount Carlton and Western Lodes.

Whilst the referral concludes the proposed action is not likely to have significant impacts there is discussion in the document regarding the Squatter Pigeon (Southern Form), migratory birds and known indigenous heritage sites.

Draft report assessing the impact on importing live Impala

An application has been received to ammend the 'List of Specimens Suitable for Live Import' under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to include Impala (*Aepyceros melampus*) as non-commercial for captive breeding for exhibition and education.

Public comment is requested on [this draft report](#) before **Wednesday 14 May 2008**

Please direct all comments to:

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Regards,

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