

Our regular Alerts have now been expanded to include:

1. Invitations for public comment on referrals
2. Notification of decisions on previous referrals and
3. Species and Ecological Communities Plans and Notifications.

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1. Invitation for public comment on referral

2008/4174	Craig and Karen Lyons/Residential development/Lot 31 Rifle Range Road/QLD/Residential Subdivision Development Mt Marlow	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline: 08 May 2008
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Located at Mt Marlow, Whitsunday Regional Council Area, the proposed action relates to a material change of use for development consistent with Low Density Residential. Items considered include proximity to Australian Heritage sites impact on threatened species and ecological communities.

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

2. Decision on Previous Referrals

2008/4123	Denis Gillen/Residential development/Valley Drive, Cannonvale, Shire of Whitsunday/QLD/Lot 6 Residential Subdivision - 59 lots	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	23 Apr 2008
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It was found that the proposed development is likely to have a significant impact on World Heritage properties, National Heritage places, Listed threatened species and communities and Listed Migratory species so approval under the EPBC Act will be required.

3. Species and Ecological Communities Plans and Notifications

Draft Threat Abatement Plan – comment by Friday 18th July 2008

Public comment is invited from interested groups and individuals on a Draft Threat Abatement Plan to reduce the impacts of exotic rodents on biodiversity on Australian offshore islands of less than 100 000 hectares. The draft threat abatement plan describes research, management and other actions to protect native species and ecological communities from exotic rodents.

- ? [Draft threat abatement plan to reduce the impacts of exotic rodents on biodiversity on Australian offshore islands of less than 100 000 hectares \(PDF - 61 KB\)](#)
- ? [Background document for the draft threat abatement plan to reduce the impacts of exotic rodents on biodiversity on Australian offshore islands of less than 100 000 hectares \(PDF - 108 KB\)](#)

The three-month public comment period will close on **Friday 18 July 2008**.

Others:

Draft report assessing the impact on importing live Impala Public comment is requested on [this draft report](#) before **Wednesday 14 May 2008**

Regards,

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