

Our regular Alerts have now been expanded to include:

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

All of the information below is drawn directly from the Commonwealth Government's website (www.environment.gov.au/epbc/index.html) and is provided for information and summary purposes only; EDO-NQ does not warrant or guarantee its accuracy or correctness. In addition, EDO-NQ does not support the various proposals which are the subject of the EPBC Act referrals below.

1. Invitation on public comment on referral

2008/4193	Optus Mobile Pty Ltd/Telecommunications/Lot 3, Island Road, Dunk Island/QLD/Changes to telecommunications facility at Dunk Island Resort	Deadline 20 May 2008
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Optus propose to mount a new radiocommunications (parabolic) dish (1.2m diameter) and replace three existing Optus 2G panel antennas for three new dual band 3G panel antennas of the same size onto the existing telecommunications facility on Dunk Island Resort.

2008/4197	Optus Mobile Pty Ltd/Telecommunications/Lot 243 Towers Hill, Black Jack Road, Charters Towers/QLD/Extension and Upgrade of Telecommunications Facility	Deadline 21 May 2008
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Optus proposes to extend an existing tower by 3m and replace existing omni antennas (3m long) and mounts with three new panel antennas (2.6m long) at an elevation of 21m on the existing lattice tower located at Towers Hill Charters Towers.

2008/4198	Optus Mobile Pty Ltd/Telecommunications/Bowling Green Bay National Park, west of Bruce Highway, Giru/QLD/Upgrade of Telecommunication Facility	Deadline 21 May 2008
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Optus proposes to replace two panel antennas (each 2262mm long x 310mm wide) with two panel antennas (each 2630mm long x 370mm wide) at an elevation of 21m on the existing 35m Telstra lattice tower located at Bruce Highway, Giru (near Townsville), Queensland.

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 on Assessment Approach: Preliminary Documentation	02 May 2008
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It was found that the proposed action is a controlled action and is likely to have significant impact on World Heritage properties, National Heritage place, Listed threatened species and communities and Listed Migratory species. Assessment and approval will be required under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.

2007/3416	Norman Properties Pty Ltd/Residential development/Speewah/QLD/Rural Residential Subdivision, Lot 1, RP728479, Douglas Track	Notification of Variation to Approval	02 May 2008
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To avoid and minimise impacts on the endangered Southern Cassowary and its habitat and world heritage values conditions are attached to the approval. (Click on the link above to view details.)

3. Species and Ecological Communities Plans and Notifications

Damage to marine ecosystems by trawling in the area of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF) - comment by 30th May

Public comment is invited, view the [website for full details](#).

The proposed key threatening process (KTP) is overfishing in the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF).

There are several key factors that contribute to the process of overfishing in the SESSF. These factors are:

1. The loss of and subsequent lack of natural refugia for marine species across the productive fishing grounds of the SESSF;
2. Total Allowable Catches (TACs) being set too high for quota managed species, thus allowing overfishing to occur; and,
3. TACs being used to promote species recovery but being an inappropriate tool to achieve this goal for many species.

Closing date for comments is **30 May 2008**.

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

Still open for 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.

[Further details..](#)

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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