

Our regular Alerts have now been expanded to include:

1. Invitations on public comment on referrals
2. Notification of decisions on previous referrals
3. Notice by EPA of Protected Area Management Plans inviting public submissions and
4. 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](http://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

2008/4228	<a href="#">Cairns Water and Waste/Waste management (sewerage)/Approx. 70km S of Cairns, approx. 30km E of Babinda/QLD/Bramston Beach Water and Sewerage Project</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline 10 June
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The water supply and sewage treatment and disposal for the Bramston Beach area. The proposed action is likely to have significant impacts under sections 12 and 15A (World Heritage) and sections 18 and 18A (Listed threatened species and communities).

2008/4228	<a href="#">Proposed residential development at Myola Road, Kuranda</a>	Early notice of invitation for Public Comment on Referral	TBA
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The Department will shortly be accessing this proposal as to the potential effects on matters of National Environmental Significance. The *Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts* is aware of local interest in this matter and thought it appropriate to pre-warn of the pending public listing.

Further information will be forwarded as it becomes available.

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

2008/3942	<a href="#">RWNS Funds Management Pty Ltd/Residential development/Lot 1 of SP103648, Campbell St, Mission Beach/QLD/30 Lot Residential Subdivision</a>	Decision on approval of action: Approved with conditions	Date of Notice: 21 Apr 2008
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## 3. Protected Area Management Plans under Review

Environment Protection Agency has notified that National Park Management Plans are under review. There are 59 plans within Queensland under review. Some of interest are:

- ? Hinchinbrook National Park including Orpheus Island, Horseshoe Lagoon, Bowling Green Bay
- ? South Mission Beach
- ? Undara Volcanic National Park
- ? Wet Tropical Coast

[For a full list visit](#) of the Draft Management Plans and to access the submission form visit the EPA website.

**Closing date for submissions – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

## 4. Species and Ecological Communities Plans and Notifications

[Deepwater Fin Fish Fishery](#) and [Queensland Coral Reef Fin Fish Fishery](#) assessments are now open for comment – comment by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008

**Others:**

**Draft Threat Abatement Plan – comment by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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...](#)

**Draft Recovery Plan – comment by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

[Large-eared pied bat \*Chalinolobus dwyeri\*](#) – and is listed as “Rare” under the Queensland Nature Conservation Act 1992.

**Threat Abatement Plan – The impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life – comment by Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

[Further details and background paper ....](#)

**Comment on Nomination – Damage to marine ecosystems by trawling in the area of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery – comment by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Key factors that contribute to the process of overfishing are discussed in [two documents](#) and are available for review.

Regards,

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