

1. Inquiry into the operation of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Thanks to Senator Siewert, the terms of reference for an inquiry into the operation of the EPBC are now up on the Australian Government website. Submissions are due **5th September**.

For further information and details of where to forward your written submission refer to:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eca_ctte/epbc_act/tor.htm

2. Invitation on public comment on referral

2008/4288	Ray Group/Natural resources management/Bale Resort, 6km south of Port Douglas/QLD/Relocation of Spectacled Flying Foxes from Bale Resort	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline 08 Jul 2008
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Relocation of a colony of Spectacled Flying Foxes (*Pteropus conspicillatus*) from a residential and resort area in Port Douglas. The Spectacled Flying Fox (SFF) colony has recently (since approximately February 2007) begun to roost in this area and this is causing significant disturbance and loss of amenity value as well as carrying the threat of disease (Australian bat lyssavirus (ABV)) to residents and tourism in the area surrounding the colony.

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

3. Protected Area Management Plans under Review

A reminder, the closing date for submissions regarding the National Park Management Plans – 27th June 2008

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

4. Species and Ecological Communities Plans and Notifications



Savannah Cat import into Australia

Draft environmental assessment of the suitability of the import of the Savannah Cat (Domestic Cat x Serval hybrid specimens) into Australia with a proposed amendment to the List of Specimens taken to be Suitable for Live Import.

[Details relating to this submission](#) are available on the website.

Comments are invited on the draft report. It is available for public comment for 20 business days, **closing on 17 July 2008**.

Previous notices:

[Deepwater Fin Fish Fishery](#) and [Queensland Coral Reef Fin Fish Fishery](#) assessments are still open for comment – comment by **Friday 4th July 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..](#)

Draft Recovery Plan – comment by Friday 25th 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, 14th 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 30th September

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

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.

Regards,

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