

Our regular Alerts have now been expanded to include:

1. Invitations on public comment on referrals and
2. Species and Ecological Communities Plans and Notifications.

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## 1. Invitation on public comment on referral

2008/4293	<a href="#">Optus Mobile Pty Ltd/Telecommunications/Mount Whitfield Conservation Park, west of Aeroglen, Cairns/QLD/Proposed telecommunications tower at Lumley Hill</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline 09 Jul 2008
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Proposal to construct a new base station facility consisting of a 15m lattice tower with three panel antennas (each 2.6m long) mounted on a triangular headframe and one 1.2m diameter parabolic antenna. It is considered that the proposal is "not a controlled action".

2008/4291	<a href="#">Shingley Projects Pty Ltd/Residential development/Shingley Drive, Cannonvale/QLD/Residential development of 75 units, 4 shops, conference facility, health club and restaurant</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline 09 Jul 2008
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Residential development consisting of 75 units, 4 shops, conference facility, health club and restaurant at Shingley Drive, Cannonvale in the Whitsunday Regional council area.

2008/4289	<a href="#">Mapping and Hydrographic Surveys/Transport - water/Port of Abbot Point Coal Terminal, north of Bowen/QLD/Off-shore Sonar and Seismic Survey</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline 08 Jul 2008
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The vessel-based seismic survey will be used to obtain geotechnical information on the seabed in the Port of Abbot Point area to assist in planning for proposed port development. The report suggest that potential effects on turtles and dugongs are likely to be negligible and consideration is given to potential effects to whales, dolphins and porpoises, given the limited extent, degree and duration of the survey.

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

No decisions reported since the last alert.

### 3. 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 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

#### 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.

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Regards,

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