

### Invitation for public comment on referrals –

1. Peak Downs East Coal Mine, central Queensland near Moranbah – comments by Thursday 17 Jan 2008.
2. Surat Basin Railway, Wandoan to Banana – comments by Thursday 17 Jan 2008.
3. 24 Lot Residential Subdivision, Mission Beach – comments by Thursday 17 Jan 2008.
4. 30 Lot Residential Subdivision, Mission Beach – comments by Wednesday 16 Jan 2008.

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Please send your comments on whether the proposed actions should be controlled actions under the EPBC Act quoting the reference number and title of the referral to:

**Email:** [epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au](mailto:epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au)

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For further information on how to comment refer to the attached document provided by the Department of the Environment and Water Resources.

2008/3945	<a href="#">Bowen Central Coal Company/Mining/Winchester Rd, near Moranbah, in northern Bowen Basin/QLD/Peak Downs East Coal Mine Central Queensland</a>	Deadline Date 17 Jan 2008
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The Peak Downs Project is a proposed underground coal mine located near the township of Moranbah, in Queensland's Northern Bowen Basin 150 km southwest from Mackay. Bowen Central Coal Management Pty Ltd (BCCM) will manage the project on behalf of the Bowen Central Coal Joint Venture (BCCJV). The project is a Greenfield development.

The mining lease application area (Project Area) for the Peak Downs East Project is approximately 4,500 ha. Clearing of listed EECs is unavoidable and could result in the loss of in the order of up to 11 ha of Brigalow (RE 11.4.9 and RE 11.9.5). Proposed action is likely to have significant impacts on Sections 18 and 18A – Listed threatened species and communities.

2008/3944	<a href="#">Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd/Transport - land/Wandoan to Banana/QLD/Surat Basin Railway</a>	Deadline Date 17 Jan 2008
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The proposed Surat Basin Rail (SBR) is a green-field railway, approximately 210km long, that will augment Queensland's existing rail network by providing an open access, multi-user freight railway between the South Western Railway and Moura Railway Systems in southern and central Queensland.

The Project extends through the LGAs of Taroom and Banana. The referral states the proposed action is not likely to have significant impacts. For full details refer to section 4.1, section 6 and section 7 of the referral document.

2008/3943	<a href="#">MiCorp Property/Residential development/Lot1 RP713212, Boyett Road, Mission Beach/QLD/24 Lot Residential Subdivision</a>	Deadline Date 17 Jan 2008
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MiCorp Property has received development permit approval for reconfiguration of land situated at Lot1 RP713212, and preliminary approval for Material Change of Use to permit a density allowable under the Village Zone (Johnstone Shire Council Planning Scheme), creating a high quality 24 allotment low-density residential subdivision. The allotments will range in size from 1059m<sup>2</sup> to 1698m<sup>2</sup>. The development site is 4.05ha, previously cleared for rural land uses and contains no potential habitat for threatened or migratory species. The development site neighbours Clump Point National Park, a potential habitat for the Southern Cassowary. The site is located 18-30m above sea level, approximately 1km from the Mission Beach Village Hub (shops, restaurants, services) and 500m west of beachfront.

The development has been approved by Johnstone Shire Council. The development approval issued on 2nd October 2007 incorporates environmental outcomes based on referral co-ordination with third party and concurrence government agencies.

MiCorp conclude that, it is unlikely that any threatened flora and fauna species protected under the EPBA Act will be significantly impacted as a result of the approved development and there is unlikely to be any impact on World Heritage properties, and as such the project should not be considered a controlled action.

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>	Deadline Date 16 Jan 2008
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Proposal for Operational Works and Reconfiguration on land described as Lot 1 SP 103648, situated at Campbell Street Mission Beach for a 30 lot residential subdivision. The land is zoned Mission Beach Precinct – Tourism (2 storeys) and the proposal is Code Compliant in accordance with the Johnstone Shire Council Planning Scheme. 2005. The allotments will range from approximately 1600m<sup>2</sup> to and an average size of 600m<sup>2</sup>. The development site is approximately 25,000m<sup>2</sup> and has been vacant, cleared and mostly undeveloped (apart from a few houses). The land contains no potential habitat for threatened or migratory species. Part of the development site (on its northern boundary) neighbours Clump Point National Park, a potential habitat for the Southern Cassowary. The site is located 18-30m above sea level, approximately 200m from the Mission Beach Village Hub (shops, restaurants, services) and beachfront.

The development has been approved by Johnstone Shire Council. The development approval was originally issued in December 1999, and was recently approved via an Application for a Minor Change to an Approval Section 3.5.24 of IPA on 2 October 2007.

MiCorp conclude that, it is unlikely that any threatened flora and fauna species protected under the EPBA Act will be significantly impacted as a result of the approved development and there is unlikely to be any impact on World Heritage properties, and as such the project should not be considered a controlled action.

Regards,

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