

Our regular Alerts have now been expanded to include:

1. Commonwealth Government's Green Paper
2. Inquiry into the operation of the EPBC Act
3. Invitation on public comment on a referral
4. Decision on previous referral and
5. Species and Ecological Communities Plans and Notifications.

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### 1. Invitation to comment - Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme – Green Paper

Submissions and comments are being sought on the design of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme on the Commonwealth Government's Green Paper in response to the Garnaut Climate Change review. Submissions are due **10<sup>th</sup> September**.

For further information and details of where to forward your written submission refer to the [Department of Climate Change website](#).

### 2. 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](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eca_ctte/epbc_act/tor.htm)

### 3. Invitation on public comment on referral

2008/4359	<a href="#">Ergon Energy/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Little Mulgrave River South of Cairns/QLD/High Voltage Extension For Electricity Supply</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline 12 Aug 2008
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To install an High voltage extension across the Little Mulgrave River to supply electricity to a domestic dwelling. The Dwelling is located on freehold land - Lot 575 to the south of Cairns and is at the Upper reaches of the river and borders Wet Tropics World heritage area and Forestry Reserve.

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

## 4. Decision on Previous Referral

2007/3925	<a href="#">Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd/Mining/Blackwater-Cooroorah Rd, 6km nth of Blackwater/QLD/Blackwater creek diversion and coal mine</a>	Decision on approval of action: Approved with conditions	Date of Notice 25 Jul 2008
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The proposed diversion of Blackwater Creek (located about 200km west of Rockhampton) and construction and operation of a coal mine in the current creek corridor was referred under the Act on 18 December 2007. The proposed action was found to have effect for Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A) and was approved subject to conditions.

## 5. Species and Ecological Communities Plans and Notifications

### Previous notices:

**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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