

Included in this alert are the following invitations to comment on referrals:

1. Transmission line near Townsville – due 28th August
2. Rural Residential Subdivision Myola-Oakforest Rd, Kuranda – due 29th August
3. Private House, Pool & Shed Construction at Oak Valley – due 2nd September
4. Palm Island Sponge Aquaculture Project – due 12th September
5. And the major project of **Curtis Island LNG Project, adjacent to Gladstone** – due 1st September

Also included from previous alerts:

6. Commonwealth Government's Green Paper – due 10th September
7. Inquiry into the operation of the EPBC Act – due 5th September
8. Trawling in the area of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark fishery – due 30th September.

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1. Invitation on public comment on referral

2008/4390	Powerlink/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Ross, near Townsville, to Strathmore, near Collinsville/QLD/275kV Transmission Line from Ross substation to Strathmore Substation (approx 180km)	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	28 Aug 2008
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This activity occurs within breeding areas of the Black throated Finch with no active breeding areas identified in the alignment. Brigalow and bluegrass communities also occur within the area and mitigation measures to reduce impacts are outlined in the referral.

2008/4394	Christensen Family Trust/Residential development/Lot 13 15 & 16 Myola-Oakforest Rd Kuranda/QLD/Rural Residential Subdivision and Services	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	29 Aug 2008
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The project is a large lot lifestyle subdivision located between the Kuranda village and Kuranda school in Far North Queensland. The project has 42 proposed lots ranging from about 4000m² to over 1.48 ha and a park area of about 5.97 ha. The action is outside the Wet Tropics World Heritage area, remnant vegetation till be maintained with access for the endangered southern cassowary. Listed threatened species and ecological communities and Listed Migratory species may be found in the area.

2008/4407	Nigel Benton/Residential development/Lot 16 Chisholm Trail Oak Valley/QLD/Private House, Pool & Shed Construction	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	02 Sep 2008
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Application to build at Oak Valley, approximately 10 minutes from Townsville. The Black Throated Finch, a threatened species identified in the area.

2007/3613	Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation for CDEP/Aquaculture/Palm Island group of islands/QLD/Palm Island Sponge Aquaculture Project	Invitation for Public Comment on Assessment Process Notice: Draft	12 Sep 2008
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Proposal to establish an indigenously owned and operated in-sea aquaculture farm to grow and market two sponge species (*Rhopaleoides odorabile* and *Coscinoderma sp.*) indigenous to the Palm Islands.

BG International & QGC Ltd have listed nine referrals relating to an energy generation and supply (non-renewable) project referred to as **Curtis LNG Project** which is proposed for Curtis Island, adjacent to Gladstone, QLD. The public is invited to comment and all **submissions are due by COB Monday 1st September.**

The referrals are listed below:

2008/4404 [Curtis Island Road](#)

Includes a route from Laird Point on Curtis Island to the LNG Facility.
This activity is likely to have an impact on World Heritage, National Heritage places, Listed Threatened species and communities and Listed Migratory species.

2008/4401 [LNG Marine Facilities](#)

Marine facilities to receive and load tankers, receive butane, equipment barges and personnel ferry service. This activity is likely to have an impact on World Heritage, National Heritage places, Listed Threatened species and communities, Listed Migratory species and Marine environment.

2008/4400 [Bridge Construction Connecting Mainland & Curtis Island](#)

For the construction, operation, maintenance, decommissioning of a road bridge connecting the mainland and Curtis Island.
This activity is likely to have an impact on World Heritage, National Heritage places, Listed Threatened species and communities, Listed Migratory species and Marine environment.

2008/4405 [Shipping Activity Assoc with QLD Curtis LNG Project](#)

Regular transit of LNG tanker, infrequent transit of ships carrying butane, transit of construction equipment barges, personnel ferries and other associated activities.
This action is not expected to have impact on area under the EPBC Act.

2008/4406 [Swing Basin and Channel Dredging](#)

Includes dredging works within the Port of Gladstone to construct a swing basin, channel extension and deepening required for shipping.
This activity is likely to have an impact on World Heritage, National Heritage places, Listed Threatened species and communities, Listed Migratory species and Marine environment.

2008/4398 [Surat Basin/QLD/Development of Existing Coal Seam Gas Fields](#)

Expansion of the QGC operated coal seam gas fields in the Surat Basin to supply gas for the Curtis Island Project.
This activity is likely to have an impact on Listed Threatened species and communities and Listed Migratory species.

2008/4402 [LNG plant and Onshore Facilities](#)

Includes development, construction, operation and decommissioning of a multi-train LNG Plant and associated onshore facilities on Curtis Island, adjacent to Gladstone.
This activity is likely to have an impact on World Heritage, National Heritage places, Listed Threatened species and communities, Listed Migratory species and Marine environment.

2008/4403 [Mainland Road and Bridge Approach](#)

Includes construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of up to 6 kilometres of road, connecting existing gazetted roads on the mainland side of the Port of Gladstone with the western end of the Curtis Island Bridge.
This activity is likely to have an impact on World Heritage, National Heritage places, Listed Threatened species and communities and Listed Migratory species.

Includes development, construction, operation and decommissioning of a pipeline network of approximately 800kms to link coal seam gas fields in the Surat Basin to the proposed Curtis Island Plant. This activity is likely to have an impact on Listed Threatened species and communities and Listed Migratory species.

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

2. 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 **10th September**.

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

3. 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

4. Species and Ecological Communities Plans and Notifications

Previous notices:

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.

5. Decision on Previous Referral

None to report.

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Regards,

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