

Included in this alert are the following invitations to comment:

1. Residential property at Oak Valley, near Townsville – due 5th September
2. Under the Bowen Basin Coal Growth Project there are two referrals:
 - ? Develop an open cut coal mine at Daunia – due 8th September
 - ? Caval Ridge coal mine project – due 9th September
3. And the major project of **Curtis Island LNG Project, adjacent to Gladstone** – still open for comment - due 1st September
4. Inquiry into the operation of the EPBC Act – extended to 22nd September
5. Application for a permit for photo-identification and aerial survey of Humpback Whales – due by 5th September
6. And previous notices still open for comment.

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1. Invitation on public comment on referral

2008/4415	Jason Dixon/Residential development/Lot 7 Chisholm Trail Oak Valley/QLD/Private House, Pool, Driveway and Gardens Construction	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	05 Sep 2008
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Building of a residential property in the area of the Black Throated Finch habitat. It was concluded in the referral that there would be no impact on the area.

2008/4418	BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Limited/Mining/Approximately 40kms South East of Moranbah, Bowen Basin/QLD/Develop an Open Cut Coal Mine at Daunia	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	08 Sep 2008
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BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance proposes to develop an open cut coal mine producing up to 4 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) at Daunia ("the Project") on existing mining leases and is located approximately 200kms south west of Mackay. The Project is an independent component of the BMA Bowen Basin Coal Growth Project which is a growth strategy to develop and grow BMA's portfolio of coal assets in Queensland. BMA's Bowen Basin Coal Growth Project includes mine developments at Daunia and Caval Ridge, an expansion at the Goonyella Riverside mine and the potential for development of a larger capacity airport in the vicinity of the mines.

The Bowen Basin Coal Growth Project has been declared a "Significant Project" under the Queensland State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (SDPWO Act).

The project has been identified as having impact on listed threatened species and ecological communities including the Brigalow Ecological Community, Southern Squatter Pigeon and migratory species.

2008/4417	BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Ltd/Mining/ML 1775, 6.2km south of Moranbah, Bowen Basin/QLD/Caval Ridge Coal Mine Project	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	09 Sep 2008
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BMA proposes to develop a new open cut coal mine producing up to 5.5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) at Caval Ridge ("the Project") on the northern part of existing mining lease ML 1775 (Peak Downs) and directly to the west on a proposed mining lease application. The Project is located approximately 160km south-west of Mackay.

Five vegetation communities within the study site, four bird, the eastern long-eared bat and four reptile species of conservation significance have been identified in the area. The project has been identified as having impact on listed threatened species and ecological communities, with migratory species also occurring.

Still an opportunity to comment on:

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

The date of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* submissions has now been extended until **22 September**. EDO-NQ in collaboration with the Australian Network of Environmental Defender's Offices, is currently working on this submission. 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

3. Species and Ecological Communities

Application for a permit to conduct a project involves cataloguing humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in Commonwealth waters during their migration along the coastline of eastern Australia from Port Douglas Queensland to Eden, NSW. The applicant seeks to document the status of the east Australian Group V population of humpback whales, adding to Pacific Whale Foundation's catalogue of photo-identification and life history data on this population.

[You are invited to comment on this proposal before COB 5 September 2008.](#)

4. Previous notices:

Invitation to comment - Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme – Green Paper closes 10th September.

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

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.

No Decisions on Previous Referrals to report.

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Regards,

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