

Included in this alert are two interesting decisions on previous referrals:

1. Galilee Coal Project found to be clearly unacceptable under the EPBC Act and
2. False Cape Development suspension of approval.

New National Heritage Nomination:

3. Chillagoe Karst Region

There were no new referrals or notices in the past week however the following are still open for comment:

4. Dredging at Abbot Point Coal Terminal, 25km N of Bowen – comments due 18th September
5. Bauxite mine extension in Western Cape York – comments 17th September
6. Construction of Connors River Dam, 70km south of Sarina – comments due 11th September and
7. EPBC Act submissions and Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery nomination.

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1. Decisions on Previous referrals

2008/4366	Waratah Coal/Mining/Mine in Galilee Basin; Port south of Port Clinton; pipeline to Lake Dalrymple/QLD/Galilee Coal Project including development of coal mine, 495km railway, port and 285km pipeline	Decision on referral/clearly unacceptable	Posted 05 Sep 2008
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The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts has found the Galilee Coal Project proposed by Waratah Coal to be clearly unacceptable under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

2003/1179	Starline Australia Holdings/Tourism, recreation and conservation management/False Cape, Cairns/QLD/Reef Cove Resort	Notice of suspension of approval and directed audit	Posted 04 Sep 2008
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The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts has suspended the approval for the proposal for 12 months and directed that an independent environmental audit be completed on the site.

2. National Heritage Nomination

Chillagoe Karst Region, Burke Development Road has been nominated for listing on the National Heritage List. Full details of the nomination are available on the [website](#) as well as a feedback form.

3. Invitation on public comment on referral

No new referrals this week.

Still open for comment:

2008/4438	Ports Corporation of Queensland/Transport - water/Offshore from the Abbot Point Coal Terminal 25km N of Bowen/QLD/Apron and Berth Dredging	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	18 Sep 2008
2008/4435	Rio Tinto/Mining/South of Embley River, South of Boyd Point and in Port of Weipa, Western Cape York/QLD/South of the Embley Bauxite Mine Extension, Including Construction of Port and Infrastructure	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	17 Sep 2008
2008/4429	SunWater/Water management and use/Mt Bridget, Fitzroy River Basin, Central QLD/QLD/Construct and Operate the Connors River Dam and Pipelines	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	11 Sep 2008

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

4. Previous notices still open

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

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.

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