

EDO-NQ Alert!

This week there have been no new referrals in Northern Queensland. Details are available for the following decisions:

- Transmission line from Ross to Strathmore substation
- Cannonvale residential development

Previous notices still open for comment:

1. Magnetic Island Draft Policy Statement – submissions due 29th October
2. Northern Prawn Fishery assessment for ongoing export accreditation – comments due 10th November 2008
3. Risk assessment on the import of Russian Sturgeon – submissions due 21st November
4. Water buyback in the Murray-Darling Basin region – applications due 19th December
5. Dwarf Sawfish – nomination to be listed as vulnerable – comments due 24th October

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1. Invitation on public comment on referral

No new referrals for public comment.

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

2. Decisions on referrals

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)	Approval Not Required – particular matter	Date of notice: 14 Aug 2008
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Proposed action to be undertaken in the manner set out in the decision in relation to Listed threatened species and communities under sections 18 & 18A.

2008/4291	Shingley Projects Pty Ltd/Residential development/Shingley Drive, Cannonvale/QLD/Residential development of 75 units, 4 shops, conference facility, health club and restaurant	Approval Not Required	Date of notice: 14 Oct 2008
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3. Previous notices still open

Magnetic Island Draft Policy Statement

The [Draft Policy Statement](#) is designed to assist a person proposing to take an action on or around Magnetic Island decide whether or not they require EPBC Act approval. This draft policy statement should be read in conjunction with the [EPBC Act Policy Statement 1.1](#). Public comments period closes **Wednesday 29th October**.

Northern Prawn Fishery

The current export approval for the Northern Prawn Fishery is valid until 9 January 2009 and the fishery is now due for assessment for ongoing export accreditation. The Northern Prawn Fishery occupies 771,000 square kilometres off Australia's northern coast. A status report for Re-assessment for export approval under the EPBC Act is available for comment until **Monday 10th November 2008**.

Risk Assessment on the Import of Russian Sturgeon

Comments are invited on the draft report assessing the suitability of import of the Russian Sturgeon into Australia. Full details and a [copy of the report](#) are available on the DEWHA website. Submissions due by **21st November 2008**

Restoring the Balance in the Murray-Darling Basin Program (water buyback)

The 2008-09 Northern basin water entitlement purchase round is now open to willing sellers of water entitlements in the Queensland and northern New South Wales areas of the Murray-Darling Basin. Applications are due by **19 December 2008**.

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Regards,

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