

# EDO-NQ Alert!

## New referrals:

1. Clearing of regrowth Brigalow in Bowen Basin area – comment by 18<sup>th</sup> November
2. Clean Coal Gasification Plant south-west of Toowoomba – comment by 25<sup>th</sup> November

## New notices:

1. Draft Wind farm industry Policy Statement – comments due 8<sup>th</sup> December
2. Community comments invited by Independent review of EPBC Act – comments due 19<sup>th</sup> December

## Previous notices still open for comment:

1. Risk assessment on the import of Russian Sturgeon – submissions due 21<sup>st</sup> November
2. Water buyback in the Murray-Darling Basin region – applications due 19<sup>th</sup> December

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## 1. Invitation on public comment on referral

2008/4570	<a href="#">North Goonyella Coal Mines Pty Ltd/Mining/Suttor Development rd, 36km SW of Glenden, Bowen Basin/QLD/North Goonyella Coal Co-disposal Facility</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	18 Nov 2008
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Clearing of approximately 15 ha of regrowth Brigalow (*Acacia harpophylla*) for the purpose of construction of coal co-disposal facility at the North Goonyella Mine site in the Bowen Basin. The referral concludes the proposed action is not a controlled action with the key reasons outlined on page 13 of the document.

2008/4580	<a href="#">Ambre Energy Limited/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Felton/QLD/Clean Coal Gasification Plant</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	25 Nov 2008
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The project is located approximately 30km south-west of Toowoomba in the Clarence-Moreton Basin. This proposed action has been identified as having a likely impact on *Listed threatened species and communities* under sections 18 and 18A. Further details can be found in the referral document.

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. Notices

### [Draft Wind farm industry – EPBC Act Policy Statement 2.3](#)

The draft Wind farm industry policy statement is designed to assist operators in the wind farm industry to decide whether or not proposed actions require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act. Comments are due Monday, **8<sup>th</sup> December 2008**.

### **Independent review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999**

During this first stage of the review written submissions from the community are invited. [Further details](#) are available on the EPBC Act website. Submissions are due by Friday, **19<sup>th</sup> December 2008**.

## 3. Previous notices still open

### **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 **21<sup>st</sup> 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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