

New referrals:

1. Rural residential subdivision near Mareeba – comment by 27th November

Decisions on Past notices:

1. Townsville Commercial Marine Precinct – Controlled Action
2. Lilliponds Residential Resort Estate – Agreed Variation
3. Coal Terminal Expansion at Port Abbott, near Bowen – Controlled Action

Previous notices still open for comment:

1. Draft Wind Farm industry – EPBC Act Policy Statement – comments due 8th December
2. Independent review of the EPBC Act – comments due 19th December
3. Water buyback in the Murray-Darling Basin region – applications due 19th December

Environmental Impact Statements open for comment:

1. Gladstone – Fitzroy Pipeline – comments by 15th December
2. Shute Harbour Marina Development – comments by 15th December

This is a new section included in our regular alerts, notices are drawn from the Department of Infrastructure and Planning website. See below for an explanation.

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1. Invitation on public comment on referral

2008/4586	Jim Papas Drafting Pty Ltd/Residential development/7.5km east of Mareeba, near Kennedy Hwy/QLD/28 Ha Rural residential subdivision - 62 lots and Park, 58 Malone Road	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline: 27 Nov 2008
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Proposed rural residential subdivision of 62 lots and a Park located approximately 7.5km east of Mareeba PO along the Kennedy Highway. The site is currently used as a fruit orchid and is traversed by Cobra Creek. The adjacent Lot 49 to Cobra Creek will be maintained as natural vegetation and improved by replanting and weed clearing. The referral suggests the proposed action is not a controlled action.

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 Past Notices

2008/4497	Port of Townsville/Transport - water/south of Benwell Road Beach, Ross River, Townsville/QLD/Townsville Commercial Marine Precinct	Decision on Assessment Approach: Bilateral Agreement	Date of notice: 03 Nov 2008
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The development of a commercial marine precinct located at the mouth of Ross river in Cleveland Bay was deemed to be a controlled action and will require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before proceeding.

It is likely to have significant impact on Listed threatened species and communities; Listed migratory species; Wetlands of international importance; World Heritage properties and National Heritage places.

2005/2335	Your Resort Home Pty Ltd/Urban and commercial new development/Mission Beach/QLD/Lilliponds Residential Resort Estate, Tully Mission Beach Road	Notification of Variation to Approval	Date of Notice: 31 Oct 2008
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A condition attached to the approval requires the construction of a Cassowary-specific road crossing on the Tully Mission Beach Road, including warning signage and rumble strips.

2008/4468	Ports Corporation of Queensland/Mining/Abbot Point Road, Port Abbot, 25km North of Bowen/QLD/Coal Terminal Expansion, and Associated Infrastructure	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	Date of Notice: 20 Oct 2008
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This proposed action was deemed to be a controlled action and will require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before proceeding. It is likely to have significant impact on World Heritage properties; National Heritage places; Listed threatened species and communities; Listed migratory species and Commonwealth marine.

3. Previous notices still open

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, **8th 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, **19th December 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**.

A proposed action that has been referred under the EPBC Act may be declared by Queensland's Coordinator-General to be a "state significant project" under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld) and an Environmental Impact Statement may be required by the Queensland Government under that Act. The Commonwealth and Queensland Governments have entered into a Bilateral Agreement which allows Queensland to carry out the Commonwealth's environmental assessments in certain circumstances. The community are entitled to make submissions in relation to the environmental assessments, whether at Commonwealth or Queensland level.

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1. Environmental Impact Statements for Significant Projects

Gladstone – Fitzroy Pipeline

The Gladstone Area Water Board proposes to construct a pipeline between the Fitzroy river to Gladstone Area. The project was found to be a controlled action with likely impact on Listed threatened species and communities.

The environmental impact statement (EIS) is available for public review, further details and how to access the EIS are on the website. Comments due Monday, **15th December 2008**.

Shute Harbour Marina Development

Proposal to construct an integrated marina, resort hotel and residential community at Shute Harbour. This was deemed a "significant project" and requires an Environmental Impact Statement. The EIS is open for comments which are due Monday, **15th December 2008**.

Regards,

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