

New referrals:

1. **Chalco Australia Bauxite Project Abbot Point – comments due 3rd December 2008**
If you are interested in submitting a comment, offering support to oppose the action or require further information please contact Maria Macdonald of the Residents Action Association of Bowen on 4786 6110 or 0429 949 035.
2. **Mareeba 63 lot Residential Subdivision – comments due 4th December**

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**
3. **Fisherman's Landing Port Expansion – extended to July 2010**

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.

All of the information below is drawn directly from the Commonwealth Government's website (www.environment.gov.au/epbc/index.html) and is provided for information and summary purposes only; EDO-NQ does not warrant or guarantee its accuracy or correctness. In addition, EDO-NQ does not support the various proposals which are the subject of the EPBC Act referrals below.

1. Invitation on public comment on referral

2008/4594	Chalco Australia Pty Ltd/Mining/25km North West of Bowen/QLD/Aurukun Bauxite Project Abbot Point Refinery	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	03 Dec 2008
2008/4593	Chalco Australia Pty Ltd/Transport - land/25km North West of Bowen/QLD/Aurukun Bauxite Project Abbot Point Transport Corridor	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	03 Dec 2008
2008/4595	Chalco Australia Pty Ltd/Transport - water/25km North West of Bowen/QLD/Aurukun Bauxite Project Abbot Point Infrastructure	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	03 Dec 2008

Chalco Australia proposes to develop facilities for an alumina refinery at Abbott Point, near Bowen. Infrastructure proposed for the site includes an alumina refinery, pre-assembled modules landing facility, residue storage facility, slurry pipeline, transport corridor, Multi Cargo Facility or separate port facility.

The proposed actions are likely to have impact on World Heritage and National Heritage places, Listed threatened species and communities and Listed Migratory species.

2008/4598	Jim Papas Drafting Pty Ltd/Residential development/Mareeba/QLD/Prestige Gardens Proposed Residential Subdivision of 63 Lots	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	04 Dec 2008
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Proposed residential subdivision in the town of Mareeba on Tilse Street. The referral concludes the proposed action will not have significant impacts. NB This is separate referral to the notice from last week's Alert. ([2008/4586](#))

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. 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.

All of the information below is drawn directly from the Queensland Government's website (www.dip.qld.gov.au/projects) and is provided for information and summary purposes only; EDO-NQ does not warrant or guarantee its accuracy or correctness. In addition, EDO-NQ does not support the various proposals which are the subject of review.

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**.

[Fisherman’s Landing Port Expansion](#)

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) proposes to reclaim an area of 153 ha in Port Curtis adjacent to the existing port facility at Fisherman’s Landing, Port of Gladstone to provide future adjacent wharves for transport, storage and loading and unloading facilities. The Coordinator-General has extended the declaration period to 21 July 2010.

Regards,

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