

New referrals:

1. Garners Beach Residential Subdivision – comments due 12th December
2. Timor and Arafura Seas - 2D Marine Seismic Survey – comments due 15th December
3. Lizard Island construction of house and caretakers cottage – comments due 15th December

Decisions on referral

1. Bowen Basin, North Goonyella Coal Co-disposal Facility – approval not required

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.

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

2008/4616	Nemourna Eco-Efficient Development/Residential development/Garners Beach/QLD/Residential Subdivision, Lot 44, Esplanade, Mission Beach	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	12 Dec 2008
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The referral includes a Material Change of Use and Reconfiguration of Lot from one to eleven. The intent of applicant is to complete a development that utilises existing cleared and quarried portions of the site, includes Australia's leading examples of environmentally sensitive design and results in a net environmental benefit to the site. The action is within in the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics World Heritage Area with known threatened species in the area.

The referral concludes that the development will be limited to existing cleared areas with measures to avoid impacts on the area.

2008/4623	Petroleum Geo-Services/Exploration (mineral, oil and gas - marine)/Bonaparte Basin and the Timor and Arafura Seas/Commonwealth Marine/2D Marine Seismic Survey	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	15 Dec 2008
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Petroleum Geo-Services (PGS) proposes to undertake a two-dimensional (2D) marine seismic survey within Australian waters in the Bonaparte Gulf and the Timor and Arafura Seas. The proposed survey area is located in Commonwealth marine waters, and spans the Bonaparte Gulf and the Timor and Arafura Seas. It ranges from near Cartier Island and Ashmore Reef in the west to Elcho Island near the eastern coast of Arnhem Land in the east.

Marine threatened species and migratory species may exist in the proposed survey area. Measures to reduce potential impacts are on page 16 of the referral. The referral concludes that the proposed action is not likely to have significant impacts.

2008/4622	Clynder Pty Ltd/Tourism and recreation/South Bay Point, Lizard Island/QLD/House and Caretakers Cottage Construction	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	15 Dec 2008
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The proposed development is construction of a house and caretaker's cottage for tourist purposes on Lizard Island in North Queensland. The site is a Sub-lease for tourist and recreational facilities within a National Park, and is part of a Special Lease area which is already developed for the Lizard Island Lodge Resort.

The site is within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The referral concludes that there is unlikely to be significant impacts from the development.

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

2008/4570	North Goonyella Coal Mines Pty Ltd/Mining/Suttor Development rd, 36km SW of Glenden, Bowen Basin/QLD/North Goonyella Coal Co-disposal Facility	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Not Required	01 Dec 2008
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It was decided the proposed action to construct and operate a coal co-disposal facility at the North Goonyella Mine Site in the Bowen Basin was not a controlled action under the EPBC Act.

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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