

# EDO-NQ Alert!

18<sup>th</sup> March 2008

## Invitation for public comment on referrals –

- Duplication of 12km of rail line within Nebo Shire – comments by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- Clearing to upgrade rest area on road west of Charters Towers – comments by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- Replacement referral relating to construction of a natural gas liquefaction and export park on Curtis Island, near Gladstone – comments by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- Opportunity to nominate a native species, ecological community or threatening process for listing under the EPBC Act - nominations by Monday 31 March 2008.

*All of the information below is drawn directly from the Commonwealth Government's website ([www.environment.gov.au/epbc/index.html](http://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.*

Please send your comments on whether the proposed actions should be controlled actions under the EPBC Act quoting the reference number and title of the referral to:

**Email:** [epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au](mailto:epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au)

**Post:** Referrals Section (EPBC Act)  
Approvals and Wildlife Division  
Department of the Environment and Water Resources  
GPO Box 787  
Canberra ACT 2601

**Fax:** 02 6274 1789

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

2008/4103	<a href="#">Queensland Rail - Property Division/Transport - land/Goonyella Corridor, Peak Downs Hwy, Copabella, Nebo Shire/QLD/Coppabella-Ingston Railway Duplication</a>	Deadline 01 Apr 2008
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Queensland Rail proposes to duplicate a 12km section of rail line within Nebo Shire from Coppabella, 130km southwest of Mackay, to Ingston. Duplication of the rail line is to support increased freight activity between coal mines within the Goonyella Corridor and the ports at Hay Point and Dalrymple Bay.

The development area occurs within the vicinity of the '*Endangered* Brigalow (*Acacia harpophylla* dominant and co-dominant) and Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Brigalow Belt and Nandewar Bioregions ecological communities, however it is concluded that there is unlikely to be significant impacts.

2008/4097	<a href="#">Queensland Department of Main Roads/Transport - land/Flinders Highway, between Pentland and Torrens Creek/QLD/Burra Range Rest Area</a>	Deadline Date 31 Mar 2008
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Main Roads proposes to upgrade a rest area located on the northern side of the road 139.95km west of Charters towers. The upgrade requires an area of 64 by 30 meters to be cleared. A stand of *Acacia Ramiflora* exists within the proposed area is to be cleared.

2008/4096	<a href="#">Santos Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Commences Roma, QLD finishes Curtis Island, near Gladstone/QLD/Gas Pipeline &amp; Alternative Pipeline to Supply Natural Gas Liquefaction Plant</a>	Deadline Date 31 Mar 2008
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Santos Ltd. (Santos) is proposing to develop a 400+ kilometre long gas transmission pipeline corridor, capable of delivering gas through one or more pipelines, which will deliver coal seam gas (CSG) from resources in the area around Roma, Queensland to a proposed liquefied natural gas and export park (LNG Park) on Curtis Island, near Gladstone, Queensland. This referral replaces the project's previously submitted pipeline referral (**EPBC no 2008/4061**). It includes additional information relating to an alternative route along a section of the proposed alignment.

Details of previously considered referrals relating to this project are included below for your information.

2008/4061	<a href="#">Santos Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Commences Roma, QLD, finishes Curtis Island, near Gladstone /QLD/Gas Transmission Pipeline to supply Natural Gas Liquefaction Park</a>	Deadline Date 14 Mar 2008
2008/4057	<a href="#">Santos Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Curtis Island, Near Gladstone/QLD/Development of a Natural Gas Liquefaction Park</a>	Deadline Date 14 Mar 2008
2008/4058	<a href="#">Santos Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Hamilton Point, Curtis Island, Gladstone/QLD/Development of marine facilities to service natural gas liquefaction park</a>	Deadline Date 14 Mar 2008
2008/4059	<a href="#">Santos Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/area around Emerald, Injune, Taroom and Roma townships/QLD/Coal Seam Gas Field Development for Natural Gas Liquefaction Park, Curtis Island</a>	Deadline Date 14 Mar 2008
2008/4060	<a href="#">Santos Ltd/Transport - land/Hamilton Point, Curtis Island, near Gladstone/QLD/Construction of Bridge and Road to Access Proposed Natural Gas Liquefaction Park</a>	Deadline Date 14 Mar 2008

There are five components to the overall project (hereafter referred to as the GLNG Project) which includes:

- a natural gas liquefaction and export park of up to approximately 10 million tonne per annum (MTPA) (LNG park) on Curtis Island, near Gladstone, Queensland (the LNG park is proposed to be developed in stages, the first stage of which will be a development of up to 4 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) capacity);
- development of coal seam gas (CSG) resources in the CSG field around Roma, Queensland;
- a 400+ kilometre long gas transmission pipeline corridor, which will accommodate one or more pipelines, for the delivery of the gas from the CSG resources to the proposed LNG park; and
- marine facilities such as jetty, materials offloading facility and channel dredging to service the LNG park.

Each component of the GLNG Project is a major infrastructure investment in its own right and is submitted with its own referral document under the EPBC Act. Each of the five Referrals cover the specific details of the proposed action and can be viewed by following the links above.

### **Threatened species lists**

Any person can nominate a native species, ecological community or threatening process for listing under the EPBC Act. Nominations must be made before **31 March 2008**.

The Threatened Species Scientific Committee will consider all properly made nominations and prepare a priority assessment list for the Minister to consider. A Final Priority Assessment List is then released and further public and expert comment will be invited during the assessment round commencing in October 2008.

The nomination theme is "*Rivers, wetlands and groundwater dependent species and ecosystems of inland Australia.*" You can nominate any species for assessment, however nominations which relate to this theme will be given priority. For more information about the nomination process, go to [www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened](http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened).

Regards,

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