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**EDO Alert! Invitation for public comment on referral –**  
**Development of Rocky Springs Masterplanned Community, Julago – comments due Friday 10 Aug 2007**  
**Additional development for resort expansion, Hook Island – comments due Monday 13 Aug 2007**  
**Rural Residential Subdivision, Douglas Track, Speewah – comments due Thursday 23 Aug 2007**

## **Development Rocky Springs Masterplanned Community, Julago – comments due Friday 10 Aug 2007**

Ref no. 2007/3574

The proposed action by Delfin Lend Lease, Rocky Springs, Masterplanned Community is located approximately 12km south east of Townsville (Bruce Highway, Julago). It will incorporate commercial/retail and residential uses, education precincts, community centres and areas of recreational and environmental open space. The total development area is 1594Ha. Potential controlling provisions include ss 18 & 18A (threatened species or threatened ecological communities). Comments due by **10 Aug 2007**. *For further information go to*

[www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc\\_ap.pl?name=referral\\_detail&proposal\\_id=3574](http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc_ap.pl?name=referral_detail&proposal_id=3574)

## **Additional development for resort expansion, Hook Island – comments due Monday 13 Aug 2007**

Ref no. 2007/3580

Laguna Pty Ltd propose a project which involves the redevelopment of the existing resort on Hook Island. The project site is located on Hook Island approx 20 km to the north-east of Shute Harbour in Whitsunday Shire. It is located immediately to the north of Whitsunday Island. The site is in the south east corner of the island. The development footprint of the current developed site area is approx 2ha. Additional area to be developed for resort expansion is approx. 3ha. The resort area is contained within a lease of 9.31ha. Until two years ago the Hook Island Resort comprised accommodation and resort facilities sufficient to cater for the following:

- 100 overnight guests within the accommodation complex in 14 units/dormitories
- 40 camp sites (sufficient to accommodate some 160 persons)
- Staff quarters (for 25 resident staff)
- The Hook Island Underwater Observatory
- Associated infrastructure including jetty, generator power supply, septic sewage disposal

The proposed redevelopment of the resort will cater for the following visitor numbers (inclusive of existing numbers):

Eco Cabins 60 cabins by two pax per cabin 120

- Eco Lodge 40 units by average 3 pax per unit 120
- Back Beach Eco Tents 20 Eco Tents by 4 pax 80
- Total Overnight Guests: 320
- Staff Accommodation Free standing and dormitory style 55
- Day Visitors 150
- Total Visitor, Staff & Guest Capacity 545

Potential controlling provisions include ss12 & 15A (World Heritage Property), ss15B & 15C (National Heritage place), ss 18 & 18A (threatened species or threatened ecological communities) and ss 20 & 20A (migratory species). Comments due by **13 Aug 2007**. *For further information go to*

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**Rural Residential Subdivision, Douglas Track, Speewah – comments due Thursday 23 Aug 2007**

Ref no. 2007/3416

The proposed action is the development of a residential subdivision on Lot 1 on RP728479, Douglas Track, Speewah QLD 4881. The action is proposed to be undertaken by Norman Properties Pty Ltd. The proposed action consists of the reconfiguring of Lot 1 on RP728479 into 21 lots comprising 20 rural residential lots ranging in area from 2.03 ha to 3.013 ha and 1 lot, 3.031ha in size, for retention as an environmental park. The proposed action is a 'controlled action' under the *EPBC Act 1999*. Potential controlling provisions include ss12 & 15A (World Heritage Property) and ss 18 & 18A (threatened species or threatened ecological communities). Comments due by **23 Aug 2007**. For further information go to [www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc\\_ap.pl?name=referral\\_detail&proposal\\_id=3416](http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc_ap.pl?name=referral_detail&proposal_id=3416)

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