

New referrals:

1. **Townsville, wastewater upgrade and transfer to Mt St John Water Treatment Plant – comments due Monday 9th March**
2. **Construction of North Shore Boulevard and Lionel Turner Drive – comments due Tuesday 10th March**
3. **Hay Point Coal Terminal expansion – comments due Wednesday 11th March**
4. **Ella Bay Residential and Tourism Development – comments due Wednesday 11th March**

Decisions on referral:

1. **Residential development Jackey Jackey St, Mission Beach**

Previous Notices:

1. **Draft environment assessment report for the importation of common eggfly butterflies (Hypolimnas bolina) – comments due 6th March**
2. **Review of conditions for overseas transfer of koalas – comments by Wednesday, 11th March**
3. **Consultation Draft of the Policy for Biodiversity Offsets – submissions due 13th March**
4. **Kuranda Tree Frog – nomination for listing as critically endangered – comments due Monday, 30th March**
5. **Loss and degradation of native plant and animal habitat by invasion of escaped garden plants, including cultivated pond and aquatic plants – comments due Monday, 30th March**
6. **Live import of Brown-nosed or South American Coati – comments by Friday, 11th April**

Queensland Infrastructure and Projects notices:

1. **Surat Basin – Environmental Impact Statement open for comment due Monday, 23rd March**
2. **Connors River Dam – terms of reference open for comment due Monday, 9th March**
3. **Alpha coal Project – terms of reference open for comment due Monday, 9th March**
4. **Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031**

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1. Invitation for public comment on referral

2009/4755	Townsville City Council/Waste management (sewerage)/Bushland Beach, Kirwan and Bohle Plains/QLD/Wastewater Upgrade and Transfer to Mt St John Water Treatment Plant	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 09 Mar 2009
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Townsville City Council is proposing to develop a 26 kilometre, rising main to transport sewerage from Bushland Beach, Kirwan and Bohle Plains suburbs to the Mt St John Water Treatment Plant. The referral concludes the project is not likely to have significant impacts on the GBRMP or listed threatened species and ecological communities.

2009/4758	Townsville City Council/Transport - land/Bushland Beach to Deeragun/QLD/Construction of North Shore Boulevard and Lionel Turner Drive	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 10 Mar 2009
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Townsville City Council is proposing to develop two new roads. The North Shore Boulevard Arterial Road will provide a new connection from the Bruce Highway through the northern portion of Garland Road, Bushland Beach to Mt Low Parkway, and is a seven kilometre, two lane arterial road with two dual lane bridges over Saunders Creek and Stony Creeks. Council are also proposing to construct Lionel Turner Drive to provide a feeder connection from a developing suburb in Bushland

Beach into the proposed North Shore Boulevard. This feeder, referred to as Lionel Turner Drive is a two lane major connector road.

The referral concludes the project is not likely to have significant impacts on the GBRMP, listed threatened species and ecological communities or listed migratory species.

2009/4759	BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Ltd/Transport - Water/Port of Hay Point/QLD/Hay Point Coal Terminal Expansion	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 11 Mar 2009
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Proposed expansion of the current Hay Point Coal Terminal located south of Mackay. The project works include dredging, construction of new berth wharf, outloading trestle conveyors, reclamation of land, demolition and removal of existing outloading conveyors, modifications and site infrastructure works.

The Port of Hay Point lies within the GBR World Heritage Area. The referral concludes the project is unlikely to have a significant impact on threatened species and 40 migratory species within the project area.

2005/2159	Satori Resorts Ella Bay Pty Ltd/Urban and commercial new development/Ella Bay/QLD/Ella Bay Residential and Tourism Development	Invitation for Public Comment on Reconsideration of Referral Determination: S78A Reconsideration request	Comments due: 11 Mar 2009
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The Ella Bay Resort is likely to have significant impact on the World Heritage Area of the GBR, listed threatened species, listed migratory species and the marine environment. The referral is being reconsidered.

2. Decisions on referrals

2005/1996	R and E Plapp/Urban and commercial new development/South Mission Beach/QLD/Tourist - Residential Development, off Jackey Jackey Street	Notification of Variation to Approval	Date of notice: 23 Feb 2009
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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.

3. Previous Notices

[Draft environment assessment report for the importation of common eggfly butterflies \(*Hypolimnas bolina*\) for laboratory research.](#)

Comments are invited on The University of Queensland's draft report to amend the live import list to include the Common Eggfly Butterfly – **comments by 6th March.**

Overseas transfer of koalas

[Review of conditions](#) for the overseas transfer of koalas. The current *Conditions for the overseas transfer of koalas* were finalised in May 2004. The conditions were formulated to ensure that the welfare of koalas being transferred overseas is protected and that the chances of establishing viable captive koala populations in those overseas institutions receiving animals from Australia are maximised. **Comments invited by Wednesday 11th March.**

Consultation Draft of the Policy for Biodiversity Offsets

The Environmental Protection Agency has released the draft Policy for Biodiversity Offsets for consultation and invites written submissions from individuals and organisations by the **final date of 13th March 2009.** The draft Policy on Biodiversity Offsets is available for downloading from the [EPA website](#) or request a copy by emailing offsets@epa.qld.gov.au or phoning (07) 3227 7783.

Threatened Species Scientific Committee nominations:

The committee seeks comment for the nomination of the [Kuranda Tree Frog \(*Litoria myola*\)](#) for critically endangered category. **Comments due Monday 30th March.**

Seeking comments on the nomination to list as a Key Threatening process the [Loss and degradation of native plant and animal habitat by invasion of escaped garden plants, including cultivated pond and aquatic plants.](#) **Comments due Monday 30th March.**

Live import of Brown-nosed or South American Coati.

A [draft environment assessment report](#) has been prepared by Zoos Victoria under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to amend the live import list to include the Brown-nosed or South American Coati (*Nasua nasua*) and White-nosed Coati (*N. narica*) for exhibition and education purposes. **Comments invited by Friday 10th April.**

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

Surat Basin – Environmental Impact Statement open for comment

The proposed Surat Basin Rail project is approximately 210 kilometres in length and starts on the Western Railway System near the township of Wandoan, (located 230 kilometres northwest of Toowoomba) and joins the Moura Railway System near the township of Banana (located 130 kilometres west of Gladstone). The project is often referred to as the 'Southern Missing Link'.

Comments due by 5pm Monday 23rd March 2009.

Alpha Coal Project – terms of reference open for comment

Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd proposes to establish a mine in the Galilee Coal Basin, Central Queensland, to service international export markets for thermal coal.

You are invited to have your say on the Alpha Coal project draft TOR for an EIS. [Further details and a list of locations](#) where the draft TOR is available for public review are available on the website. Submissions and comments should be received **by 5 pm on Friday 9th March 2009.**

Connors River Dam – terms of reference open for comment

The preparation of terms of reference for an EIS is the first stage of the EIS process. Terms of reference control what is discussed in an EIS and covers social, economic and environmental impacts of a project.

Draft terms of reference for the Connors River Dam EIS were released for public comment on 31 January 2009. **Comments due by 5 pm 9th March 2009.**

Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031

Each local council is required to amend its planning scheme to align with the FNQ Regional Plan. [Factsheets](#) on each council area and other issues are available for download.

Regards,

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