

New referrals:

1. Health retreat, Mission Beach – comments due Monday 23rd March
2. Gladstone Steel making facility – comments due Friday 20th March

Decisions on referral:

1. Bentley Park residential subdivision – reconsideration decision

Previous Notices:

1. Kuranda Tree Frog – nomination for listing as critically endangered – comments due Monday, 30th March
2. 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
3. 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

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1. Invitation for public comment on referral

2009/4785	Taylor Family Trust/Tourism and recreation/Mission Beach/QLD/Taylor Family Health Retreat	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline for comments: 3 Mar 2009
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The proposed action is the construction of a health retreat accommodating up to 40 guests. Vegetation that covers approximately 60% of the site will be conserved. The site is near the We Tropics World Heritage Area with no threatened ecological communities identified for the area. The referral concludes that the proposed action does not trigger any of the assessment criteria to determine whether a significant impact may result from the planned development.

2009/4786	Boulder Steel Limited/Manufacturing/Aldoga Precinct of the Gladstone State Development Area/QLD/Gladstone Steel Making Facility	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline for comments: 20 Mar 2009
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Proposal to construct and operate an integrated steelmaking plant at a site within the Aldoga Precinct of the Gladstone State Development Area. The Project site is located on Larcom Creek, approximately 50 kilometres upstream from the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area (GBRWHA) in Port Curtis.

The referral concluded that the action is a controlled action and is likely to have significant impacts on the World Heritage Area, listed threatened species and communities and listed migratory species.

2. Decisions on referrals

2007/3263	Westerly Projects Pty Ltd/Residential development/Bentley Park/QLD/Residential Subdivision of Lot 912, SP207043 (previously known as Lot 12, SP105732) on Timberlea Drive	Reconsideration decision	Date of notice: 05 Mar 2009
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The area referred to as the "Hillside Conservation Reserve/Park", which is located on the north-western side of the development will not be developed, except for the construction of a cassowary exclusion fence.

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

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.

Regards,

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