

New referrals:

1. Karumba Sewerage Network and Treatment Plant – comments due Monday 16th March
2. Carmoo, near Mission Beach, Allan Sellars Farm subdivision – comments due Wednesday 18th March
3. Wastewater upgrade to Mt St John Plant, Townsville – proposal withdrawn

Decisions on referral:

1. Oak Valley, residence construction – approval required
2. Resort and Residential Development, Horseshoe Bay Road, Bowen – approval not required

New Notice

1. Big fines for environment law breach

Previous Notices:

1. Consultation Draft of the Policy for Biodiversity Offsets – submissions due 13th March
2. Kuranda Tree Frog – nomination for listing as critically endangered – comments due Monday, 30th March
3. 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
4. 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

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1. Invitation for public comment on referral

2009/4775	Carpentaria Shire Council/Waste management (sewerage)/Karumba, Gulf of Carpentaria/QLD/Sewerage Network and Sewerage Treatment Plant	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 16 Mar 2009
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The aim of the proposed action is to implement an environmentally responsible best practice sewerage scheme for the safe, effective and efficient management of Karumba wastewater services. The proposed action will deliver benefits to the environment, ratepayers, the community and local industries.

The Wet Tropics Heritage Area is adjacent to the subject site. With listed threatened species and migratory species potentially occurring on the site. The referral concludes that the action is not a controlled action.

2009/4779	Allan Sellars Farms Pty Ltd/Residential development/Carmoo/QLD/Allan Sellars Farm Subdivision	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 18 Mar 2009
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Located 10km south-west of Mission Beach the proposed action is to reconfigure the predominantly cleared subject site into 60 lots with an average size of 0.582 hectares, and construct access roads. The Wet Tropics Heritage Area is adjacent to the subject site. With listed threatened species and migratory species potentially occurring on the site. The referral concludes that the action is not a controlled action.

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	Proposal Withdrawn	Date of notice: 02 Mar 2009
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2. Decisions on referrals

2009/4723	Raveyard P/L/Residential development/Lot 17, Chisholm Trail, Oak Valley/QLD/Construction of residence including pool, driveway, gardens and shed	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	Date of notice: 25 Feb 2009
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The project is likely to have a significant impact on listed threatened species and communities and will be assessed by referral information.

2009/4726	Trebby Pty Ltd/Tourism and recreation/Bowen/QLD/Resort and Residential Development, Horseshoe Bay Road	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Not Required	Date of notice: 25 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. New Notice

[Media Release – Big fines for environment law breach](#)

A company developing a site at Mission Beach and its project manager have been fined a total of \$45,000 for breaching the national environment law.

4. Previous Notices

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.**

Regards,

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