

EDO-NQ Alert!

19th March

New referrals:

1. **Townsville City Council wastewater upgrade project – comments due by 31st March**

Decisions on referral:

1. **Oak Valley residence – draft recommendation report completed**

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

2009/4795	Townsville City Council/Waste management (sewerage)/Bushland Beach, Kirwan and Bohle Plains/QLD/Townsville Wastewater Upgrade Project	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 31 Mar 2009
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Townsville City Council is proposing to upgrade Townsville's wastewater treatment infrastructure. The upgrade project centralises the treatment of sewerage effluent. There could possibly be impacts on the GBRMP, listed threatened species and ecological communities, some vegetation clearing.

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	Invitation for Public Comment on Assessment Process Notice: Draft recommendation report completed	Date of notice: 16 Mar 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

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 Statement 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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