

New referrals:

1. Geotechnical investigation near Airlie Beach – comments due Wednesday 8th April

New Notices:

1. Review of National Biodiversity Strategy – comments due Friday, 29th May
2. Grey Nurse Shark proposed importation – comments due Monday, 11th May

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
2. **Wandoan Coal Project** – results of call for submissions
3. **Connors River Dam and pipelines** – update

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1. Invitation for public comment on referral

2009/4813	Castaway Bay Pty Ltd/Residential development/Pringle Road, Cliffords Beach, near Woodwark/QLD/Geotechnical Investigation for Castaway Bay Proposed Residential Development	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 08 Apr 2009
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Geotechnical investigation of the site located 8km west of Airlie Beach for the purpose of determining suitability for development. The Great Barrier Reef is within close proximity of the site, 21 threatened species may occur in the site and 21 migratory species utilise the site.

The referral concludes that the proposed action is not a controlled action, and is not likely to have significant impacts on matters of national environmental significance, if the action is undertaken in accordance with the particular manner specified in this referral.

2. New Notices

Review of the [National Biodiversity Strategy](#) has been developed by all State and Territory governments and Australian Government, with advice from the CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology. A public information session will be held in [Townsville](#) on **6th April from 2pm to 4.30pm at The Cultural Centre, Flinders Street East.**

Submissions are invited from the public and are **due by 29th May 2009.**

[Grey Nurse Shark \(Carcharias Taurus\)](#) draft environment assessment report for importation for exhibition and education purposes. Comments are due 11 May 2009.

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.

Wandoan Coal Project – results of call for submissions

A total of 61 submissions on the EIS were received by the Coordinator-General, consisting of 48 from the public and 13 from advisory agencies. The EIS was released for public and advisory agency comment earlier this.

Connors River Dam and pipelines – update

The draft terms of reference (TOR) for the EIS were released for public and advisory agency comment on 31 January 2009 until 9 March 2009. A total of 22 submissions on the draft TOR was received by the Coordinator-General, including 18 from advisory agencies and four from members of the public and organisations

Regards,

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