

New referrals:

1. Dredging and Disposal Project in Gladstone Port Western Basin – comments due: Monday, 16th April
2. Expansion of Millennium Open cut mine at Coppabella – comments due Tuesday, 14th April
3. Offshore power boat race, Townsville – comments due Monday, 9th April

New Notices:

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

Decisions:

1. Allan Sellars Subdivision , Mission Beach – approval required
2. North Shore Boulavard and Lionel Turner Drive, Townsville – approval not required

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
4. Importation assessment for Grey Nurse Shark – comments due Monday 11th May
5. National Biodiversity Strategy open for consultation – comments due Friday, 29th May

Queensland Infrastructure and Projects notices:

No new notices

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1. Invitation for public comment on referral

2009/4826	Gladstone Ports Corporation Ltd/Transport - water/Approx 525km north of Brisbane & 100km south of Rockhampton/QLD/Port of Gladstone Western Basin Strategic Dredging and Disposal Project	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 16 Apr 2009
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The Queensland Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP) is undertaking "The Gladstone Port Western Basin Master Plan" to direct at a high-level the government's decisions on the nature of future development in the Western Basin. The development of the Western Basin incorporates dredging associated with the deepening and widening of existing channels and swing basins, and the creation of new channels, swing basins and berth pockets. The proposed Western Basin reclamation is 10 km north of Gladstone City immediately adjacent to the existing Fisherman's Landing reclamation and proposed 153 ha Fisherman's Landing reclamation.

The referral concludes the proposed dredging is likely to have significant impacts on World Heritage and National Heritage places, listed threatened species and migratory species and it is a controlled action.

2009/4821	Peabody Pacific Pty Ltd/Mining/22km East of Moranbah and 16km South West of Coppabella/QLD/Millennium Open Cut Coal Mine Expansion Project, QLD	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 14 Apr 2009
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Located approximately 250 km southwest of Mackay it is proposed to extend the open-cut mining operation. The referral concludes the proposed action is a controlled action as it is likely to have a significant impact on the listed threatened Brigalow and Bluegrass and other endangered species of birds, reptiles and mammals.

2009/4820	Australian Power Boat Association Offshore Council/Tourism and recreation/Cleveland Bay/QLD/Offshore Power Boat Race	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 09 Apr 2009
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An offshore powerboat race held on Cleveland Bay, Townsville on the weekend of 4th and 5th July. The referral concludes the event is not a controlled action and efforts are being undertaken to mitigate any risk or harm to wildlife.

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. Decisions on referrals

2009/4779	Allan Sellars Farms Pty Ltd/Residential development/Carmoo/QLD/Allan Sellars Farm Subdivision	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	Date of notice: 31 Mar 2009
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The proposed action is a controlled action and will require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed. It was found to be likely to have significant impact on World Heritage and National Heritage places and listed threatened species and communities.

2009/4758	Townsville City Council/Transport - land/Bushland Beach to Deeragun/QLD/Construction of North Shore Boulevard and Lionel Turner Drive	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Not Required	Date of notice: 23 Mar 2009
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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.**

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.**

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

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Regards,

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