

# EDO-NQ Alert!

9<sup>th</sup> April

## New referrals:

1. Point Abbot new multi cargo facility – comments due Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

## Previous Notices:

1. Importation assessment for Grey Nurse Shark – comments due Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May
2. National Biodiversity Strategy open for consultation – comments due Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May

## Queensland Infrastructure and Projects notices:

1. Gladstone Steel Making Facility – declared a significant project 3<sup>rd</sup> April

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## 1. Invitation for public comment on referral

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| 2009/4837 | <a href="#">Ports Corporation of Queensland/Transport - water/Abbot Point, Queensland/QLD/Development of a New Multi Cargo Facility, Point Abbot, Queensland</a> | Invitation for Public Comment on Referral | Comments due: 23 Apr 2009 |
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Develop a multi-cargo port facility at the Port of Abbot Point to provide sheltered port for the import and export of bulk cargoes. At its ultimate development, the facility will comprise approximately 320 hectares of reclaimed land developed to accommodate 12 shipping berths, a tug harbour and a dredged access channel. Approximately 25 million cubic metres of material will be dredged.

The proposed development is likely to have significant impacts on World Heritage areas, listed threatened species and communities and listed migratory species through loss of marine habitat, affects on water quality, increased potential for boat strikes, introduction of weed species, increased noise and light pollution and vegetation clearing.

## 2. Previous 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 **6<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm to 4.30pm at The Cultural Centre, Flinders Street East.** Submissions are invited from the public and are **due by 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

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

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*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**

### **Gladstone Steel Making Facility**

The project is proposed by Boulder Steel Limited to construct and operate an integrated steel making plant at a site within the Aldoga Precinct of the Gladstone State Development Area. The Coordinator-General declared the facility to be a significant project and will require assessment and approval under both the SDPWOA and EPBC Act before it can proceed.

Draft terms of reference for the EIS will now be prepared for future public consultation. Further information is available on the [DIP website](#).

Regards,

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