

EDO-NQ Alert!

15th April

Decisions:

1. Pisolite Hills bauxite mine and infrastructure – EIS guidelines finalised
2. Aurukun Bauxite mine project – EIS guidelines finalised
3. Taylor Family Health Retreat – approval required

Previous Notices:

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

Queensland Infrastructure and Projects notices:

1. Results of public submissions

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1. Decision on previous public notices

2008/4046	Cape Alumina Ptd Ltd/Mining/50km north-east of Weipa, Cape York/QLD/Pisolite Hills bauxite mine and associated infrastructure including port	Finalised EIS Guidelines	Date of Notice: 09 Apr 2009
2007/3764	Chalco Australia Pty Ltd /Mining/Western Cape Region/QLD/Aurukun Bauxite Mine Project	Finalised EIS Guidelines	Date of Notice: 09 Apr 2009

Finalised EIS guidelines are available for viewing.

2009/4785	Taylor Family Trust/Tourism and recreation/Mission Beach/QLD/Taylor Family Health Retreat	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	Date of Notice: 08 Apr 2009
2009/4785	Taylor Family Trust/Tourism and recreation/Mission Beach/QLD/Taylor Family Health Retreat	Decision on Assessment Approach: Preliminary Documentation	Date of Notice: 08 Apr 2009

The proposed action is a controlled action as it is likely to have a significant impact on World Heritage and National Heritage places and listed threatened species and communities. The proposed action will be assessed under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.

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 **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

Results from invitations for public comment:

- [Surat Basin Rail](#) – 35 submissions were received on the EIS open for public comment until 23 March 2009.
- [Connors River Dam and Pipeline](#) – 22 submissions were received on the draft TOR open for public comment until 9 March 2009.

Regards,

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