

New referrals:

1. Aldoga Bank, near Gladstone, rail deviation including of 2 new rail lines – comments due Wednesday 20th May
2. Bowen Basin, open cut coal mining and processing operation in the Bowen Basin - comments due Monday 25th May

Decisions:

1. Point Abbot, new multi cargo facility – approval required

New Notices:

1. Renewal of commercial export of marine specimens by Australian Institute of Marine Science – comments due Monday, 8th June

Previous Notices:

1. Coral Fishery assessment – open for comment to 29th May
2. National Biodiversity Strategy open for consultation – comments due Friday, 29th May
3. Exotic bird keeping record scheme – open for comment to 3rd June

Queensland Infrastructure and Projects notices:

1. South of Embley Project information

For your interest....

Attached is the *Public Lecture Series 2009* presented by James Cook University in Cairns.

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1. Decisions open for comment

2009/4884	QR Limited/Transport - land/Aldoga Bank, approx 10km west of Gladstone/QLD/Rail deviation including construction of 2 new rail lines	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 20 May 2009
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QR proposes to construct two new tracks through the Aldoga Bank corridor with a development footprint occupying 33ha. The project is located within the upper reaches of the Sandy/Boat Creek catchment which is 10km upstream of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. Threatened flora and fauna species and migratory species may be within the project area. The referral concludes the action is unlikely to have significant impacts.

2009/4892	Macarthur Coal Limited/Mining/Bowen Basin, approx 57km east south-east of Moranbah/QLD/Codrilla Open Cut Coal Mining and Processing Operation with Associated Infrastructure	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 25 May 2009
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The Codrilla Project is proposed as a new open cut coal mining and processing operation within the Bowen Base. The proposal will apply the existing Mining Lease known as Codrilla A and also includes the construction of 31km private haul road. The project will involve clearing up to 102ha of remnant vegetation, realignment of the Fitzroy Development Road and potential diversion of a section of Devlin Creek. The referral concludes that it is a controlled action and is likely to have significant impacts on listed threatened species and communities such as Endangered Brigalow communities and Semi Evergreen Vine Thicket.

2. Decision on previous public notices

2009/4837	Ports Corporation of Queensland/Transport - water/Abbot Point, Queensland/QLD/Development of a New Multi Cargo Facility, Point Abbot, Queensland	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	Date of notice: 12 May 2009
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It was found the project was likely to have significant impact on World Heritage and National Heritage places, listed threatened migratory species, species and communities and Commonwealth marine areas. The assessment approach is to be advised.

3. New Notices

[Proposal for marine biodiscovery research and development](#)

Application for renewal of an approval of a Wildlife Trade Operation for commercial export of marine specimens by the Australian Institute of Marine Science derived from their Bioresources Library. Comments are due Monday, 8th June 2009.

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

[Queensland Coral Fishery](#)

The current export approval for the Queensland Coral Fishery is valid until 1 June 2009 and the fishery is now due for assessment for ongoing export accreditation. Comments are **due by 29th May 2009**.

[Exotic bird record keeping scheme](#)

Comments are invited on the evaluation report and focus questions and are **due by 3rd June 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:

[South of Embley Project](#) – Rio Tinto proposes to develop a new bauxite mine in the Weipa area south of the Embley River on Western Cape York Peninsula.

- further details and the Terms of reference for the Environmental Impact Statement are available for viewing.

Regards,

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