

# EDO-NQ Alert!

21<sup>st</sup> May

## New referrals:

1. Port of Gladstone Dredging and Disposal Project – comments due Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## Decisions:

1. Townsville Offshore Power Boat Race – approval not required

## New Notices:

1. Coral Sea Conservation Zone

## Previous Notices:

1. Coral Fishery assessment – open for comment to 29<sup>th</sup> May
2. National Biodiversity Strategy open for consultation – comments due Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May
3. Exotic bird keeping record scheme – open for comment to 3<sup>rd</sup> June
4. Renewal of commercial export of marine specimens by Australian Institute of Marine Science – comments due Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June

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## 1. Referrals open for comment

2009/4904	<a href="#">Gladstone Ports Corporation Ltd/Transport - water/Approx 525km north of Brisbane &amp; 100km south of Rockhampton/QLD/Port of Gladstone Western Basin Strategic Dredging and Disposal Project</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 03 Jun 2009
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Proposal to accommodate the long term dredging and dredged material disposal to the existing and proposed Port facilities in the harbour over the foreseeable future. The Port is wholly contained within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, threatened species predicted to occur in the area include birds, mammals, reptiles, sharks and plants and migratory species.

The referral concludes the action is likely to have significant impact on World and National Heritage Area, listed threatened species and communities and migratory species.

## 2. Decision on previous public notices

2009/4820	<a href="#">Australian Power Boat Association Offshore Council/Tourism and recreation/Cleveland Bay/QLD/Offshore Power Boat Race</a>	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Not Required - particular manner	Date of notice: 15 May 2009
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## 3. New Notices

### [Coral Sea Conservation Zone](#)

The Coral Sea Conservation Zone covers approximately 972,000km<sup>2</sup> of Australian waters and seabed east of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (GBRMP), out to the edge of Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone. It is the second, and largest, marine conservation zone declared under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

The conservation zone will have no additional regulatory impact on most activities in the Coral Sea, such as commercial and recreational fishing, or cruise and merchant shipping. However, some commercial activities and scientific research activities will require a permit.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009**.

### [Exotic bird record keeping scheme](#)

Comments are invited on the evaluation report and focus questions and are **due by 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009**.

### [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, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009**.

Regards,

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