

## New referrals:

1. Kuranda Heights Road residential subdivision – comments due Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June
2. Giru Road, near Townsville, residential subdivision – comments due Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

## Decisions:

1. Gladstone, rail deviation – approval not required
2. Point Abbot new multi cargo facility – Environmental Impact Statement for assessment
3. Aldoga Bank rail deviation – comments not received

## New Notices:

1. Draft Assessment Bilateral Agreement between the Australian Government and Queensland
2. EPBC Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1)

## Previous Notices:

1. 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

2009/4916	<a href="#">Micheli Borzi/Residential development/Kuranda Heights Road, Kuranda/QLD/Residential Subdivision</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 12 Jun 2009
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The project is for a large lot subdivision located in Kuranda heights Road near the intersection with Myola Road, between the Kuranda Village and the Kuranda District College in Far North Queensland. The site is located 2km from the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Listed species found in the area include the southern cassowary, red goshawk, Australian painted snipe, frogs, species of quoll, bat, flying-fox, some reptiles and plants, listed migratory species are also identified.

The referral concludes it will not have significant adverse environmental impacts despite occurring in the essential habitat of the Southern Cassowary and requiring clearing of existing vegetation.

2009/4924	<a href="#">William Carroll Schulz &amp; Maxine Anne Schulz/Residential development/Woodstock-Giru Road, Giru/QLD/Residential Subdivision</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 17 Jun 2009
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The proposed action will require reconfiguring a rural Lot 10 on Woodstock-Giru Road, Burdekin Shire into a 42 rural subdivision. The site is located two kilometres from the Bowling Green Bay National Park and 10 kilometres from their wetlands. Listed threatened species and migratory species are identified as occurring in the area.

The referral concludes that it is not a controlled action while recognising that the Black-throated Finch, an endangered species under sections 18 and 18A is found in the area.

## 2. Decision on previous public notices

2009/4884	<a href="#">QR Limited/Transport - land/Aldoga Bank, approx 10km west of Gladstone/QLD/Rail deviation including construction of 2 new rail lines</a>	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Not Required	Date of notice: 02 Jun 2009
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>	Decision on Assessment Approach: Environmental Impact Statement	Date of notice: 29 May 2009
2009/4884	<a href="#">QR Limited/Transport - land/Aldoga Bank, approx 10km west of Gladstone/QLD/Rail deviation including construction of 2 new rail lines</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral/Comments not received	Date of notice: 06 May 2009

## 3. New Notices

### [Draft Assessment Bilateral Agreement between the Australian Government and Queensland](#)

The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) allows for bilateral agreements between the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions, relating to environmental assessments. A key function of bilateral agreements is to reduce duplication of environmental assessment processes between the Commonwealth and States or Territories, relating to the same development proposals.

A bilateral agreement is currently in place between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland. That agreement will expire on 13 August 2009. Public comments are invited on the draft agreement by **5pm Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009**.

### **EPBC Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1)**

Amendments to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000 (the Principal Regulations) have been proposed by the Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts to provide for greater flexibility in the operation of regulations which prohibit and regulate how non-commercial fishing can be carried out within Commonwealth reserves. The provisions will also apply to conservation zones.

The Regulations will allow the Director of National Parks to make determinations for an increased range of matters relating to fishing methods and equipment. Actions taken in accordance with these determinations will be exempt from the relevant offence provisions.

The Regulations will also create additional strict liability offences, including the use or possession of devices designed to take animals within a Commonwealth reserve, the taking of fish in contravention of a determination for an area of water, and a range of prohibited actions related to using certain equipment, or types of bait to take fish within a Commonwealth reserve.

Further information: [Regulations](#) and [Explanatory Statement](#) are available for viewing.

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

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