

EDO-NQ Alert!

18th June

New referrals:

[Oak Valley, Townsville residence and dam – comments due Tuesday, 30th June](#)

Decisions:

[Mission Beach Road 40 Lot Residential Subdivision – Approved with conditions](#)

New Notice

[Application for permit to collect sea snakes from prawn trawlers – comments by Friday 26th June](#)

Previous Notices:

[Draft Assessment Bilateral Agreement between the Australian Government and Queensland – comments due Friday, 19th June](#)

Queensland Infrastructure and Projects Notices

[Shell Australia LNG Project Declared - Gladstone](#)

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1. Referrals open for comment

2009/4940	Daniel Goddard/Residential development/Oak Valley/QLD/Lot 5 Chisholm Trail	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 30 Jun 2009
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Proposal to build residence, dam and access road in the Oak Valley area located near Townsville. The listed threatened Black Throated Finch is found in the area.

2. Decision on previous public notices

2008/3959	Property Projects NQ Pty Ltd/Residential development/Lot 2 RP732964, West of Tully-Mission Beach Rd, Mission Beach/QLD/Tully-Mission Beach Road 40 Lot Residential Subdivision	Decision on approval of action: Approved with conditions	Date of notice: 15 Jun 2009
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It was found that the subdivision is likely to have a significant impact on Listed threatened species and communities (Southern Cassowary), World Heritage Properties and National Heritage Places. Refer to the approval notice for the details of the conditions for this approval.

3. New Notices

[Application for the collection of landed dead sea snakes from trawlers in the Northern Prawn Trawl Fishery](#) The application is to collect sea snakes that are landed dead on trawlers in the Northern Prawn Trawl Fishery. Specimens are to be made available for scientific research, including determining species composition, diet, reproductive output and for genetic studies. Sea snakes are listed marine species under the EPBC Act. Please submit **comments by Friday, 26th June 2009.**

4. Previous 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, 19th 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. Significant Projects in Northern Queensland

[Shell Australia LNG Project Declared – Curtis Island, Gladstone](#)

On the 12th June the Coordinator-General declared it a "significant project" for which an environmental impact statement is required. Draft Terms of Reference required for the EIS are not yet available for this project.

A proposed gas pipeline from the Gladstone City Gate to Curtis Island will supply gas to the LNG plant where it will be processed, cooled and stored in LNG tanks for subsequent loading onto LNG carriers via a jetty and export to international markets. The Gladstone City Gate or a new facility in the vicinity is the point at which Shell Australia would take coal seam gas supply from the pipeline operators. The Gladstone City Gate is the gas sales point for existing pipeline operators.

The project includes the proposed LNG facility on Curtis Island, a gas pipeline from the Gladstone City Gate and dredging of Port Curtis to extend shipping channels and develop a swing basin adjacent to either North China Bay or Boatshed Point.

Regards,

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