

New referrals:

1. Commercial industrial development at Stuart, Townsville – comments due Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
2. Residential development at Oak Valley – comments due Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Policy Statements:

3. Significant Impact Guidelines for the endangered black-throated finch (southern) (*Poephila cincta cincta*)

Queensland Infrastructure and Projects Notices

4. Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas (“LNG”) project
5. Shell Australia LNG Project Declared - Gladstone

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**1. Referrals open for comment**

2009/4949	<a href="#">Kabuild Pty Ltd/Commercial development/1 Ridge Street and 50 Partington Street, Stuart, Townsville/QLD/Industrial Development and Reconfiguration of the Lot</a>	19 Jun 2009	Comments due: 03 Jul 2009
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Kabuild proposes to reconfigure a site containing open grasslands to create an industrial subdivision within the rural precinct under the Townsville City Council Planning Scheme. The Bowling Green Bay RAMSAR area is located approximately 12 kilometres east of the site.

2009/4940	<a href="#">Daniel Goddard/Residential development/Oak Valley/QLD/Lot 5 Chisholm Trail</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	16 Jun 2009	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. Policy Statements open for comment**

[Significant Impact Guidelines for the endangered black-throated finch \(southern\) \(\*Poephila cincta cincta\*\)](#)

The finch historically occurred from the northern tablelands and north-west slope regions of NSW to the Atherton Tablelands. However, it is now thought to be restricted to the northernmost part of its former range and the Townsville area is now seen as the last stronghold of the finch. Final comments are now being sought from interested parties on the policy statement, its usability and suggestions for improvement. Any new information or research on the species would also be helpful, and contribute to future policy decisions. Comments will be accepted until close-of-business, Friday 17 July 2009.

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*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**

### [Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas \("LNG"\) project](#)

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 the Coordinator-General declared this project a "significant project" for which an environmental impact statement ("EIS") is required. Santos Ltd is the designated proponent for the project to commercialise the Queensland coal seam gas ("CSG") resources, extracted from Emerald, Injune and Taroom.

5 referrals under the EPBC Act relate to the project including the CSG fields, a 435km pipeline (see Shell Australia LNG project below), the LNG terminal, bridge from Curtis Island to Gladstone and associated infrastructure including marina facilities, port dredging and potential access road. The Controlling Provisions are sections 12 and 15A (World Heritage properties), sections 15B and 15C (National Heritage places), sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities), sections 20 and 20A (listed migratory species).

The EIS is now released for public comment. The complete EIS can be viewed on the [Santos website](#). **Written submissions on the EIS are invited by 5pm Monday 17 August 2009.**

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

On the 12<sup>th</sup> June the Coordinator-General declared it a "significant project" for which an EIS 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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