

FEDERAL - EPBC Act

1. New referrals:

- a) MINING - Extension of Roseneath Quarry, Townsville: Comments due 22 July 2009
- b) LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PLANT - and Ancillary onshore and marine facilities (Curtis Island): Comments due 20 July 2009
- c) MINING – Expansion of Coal Seam Gas fields (Surat basin): Comments due 20 July 2009
- d) CONSTRUCT AND OPERATION - 447km high pressure gas transmission pipeline (Curtis island to Gladstone): Comments due 20 July 2009

2. Policy Statements:

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

3. Notification of Variation to Approval

40 Lot Residential Subdivision, Tully-Mission Beach Road Property Projects NQ Pty Ltd.

4. Particular manner (Approval not required)

Residential development, Woodstock-Giru Road, William Carroll Schulz & Maxine Anne Schulz

5. Decision on Assessment Approach

Alpha Coal Project - Port Options Development - Energy generation and supply (non-renewable), Abbott Point, south of Mackay, Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd.

6. Approval Not required

Gladstone Steel Making Facility, Gladstone, Boulder Steel Limited

7. Proposal Withdrawn

- a) Establishment of Residential Community, Gumlow, Willowbend (NQ) Pty Ltd
- b) Residential development, Lot 5 Chisholm Trail, Oak Valley, Daniel Goddard

8. Finalised guidelines for Environmental Impact Statement

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Queensland Infrastructure and Projects Notices – Significant Projects

- a) Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas (“LNG”) project
- b) Shell Australia LNG Project Declared - Gladstone

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1. Referrals open for comment

Reference No.	Referral	Date of Notice	Deadline Date
2009/4984	Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd/Mining/Flinders Hwy, Brookhill/QLD/Extension to existing Extractive Industry, Roseneath Quarry	08 Jul 2009	22 Jul 2009

Approximately 13km south-west of the Townsville CBD in a Rural Precinct, the application seeks approval for a *Material Change of Use* and involves extension of existing the extractive industry and additional industry. Extraction of two main rock types is proposed (Rhyolite and basaltic andesite) and will cover over 180 hectares on 5 separate lots.

Reference No.	Referral	Date of Notice	Deadline Date
2009/4977	Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Curtis Island and Point Curtis/QLD/LNG Plant and Ancillary onshore and marine facilities	06 Jul 2009	20 Jul 2009

Australia Pacific Liquefied Natural Gas is seeking a determination as to whether the proposal constitutes a 'controlled action'. The size of the development footprint includes 1600 km on Curtis Island (terrestrial) and 5000 ha on Port Curtis (marine) as the activity requires construction of wharf and jetty structures, marine offloading facilities ("MOF"). A "significant capital dredging program" is also intended around the wharf and MOF to enable shipping access. EPBC protected matters that may be impacted include World Heritage Properties (Section 12) and National Heritage Places (Great Barrier Reef) (Section 15B), Ramsar Wetlands (Corio and Shoalwater Bay) (Section 16), Threatened Species (Section 18), Threatened Ecological Communities - Littoral Rainforest and Coastal Vine Thickets, Semi-evergreen vine thickets and the Weeping Myall Woodlands (Section 18A).

Reference No.	Referral	Date of Notice	Deadline Date
2009/4976	Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Western Downs of QLD to Curtis Island, Gladstone/QLD/Construct and operate 447km high pressure gas transmission pipeline	06 Jul 2009	20 Jul 2009

Development footprint is 2682 ha, including the 60m wide pipeline right of way. It is anticipated that the pipeline will carry approximately 800PJ of coal seam gas annually. Impacts are the same as those listed above, for the associated marine plant facilities.

Reference No.	Referral	Date of Notice	Deadline Date
2009/4974	Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Walloon Gas Fields, Surat Basin, Darling Downs/QLD/Expansion of Coal Seam Gas Fields	06 Jul 2009	20 Jul 2009

Size of the development footprint is approximately 1, 468, 000 ha over the Surat basin and the Darling Downs. Threatened Flora and Fauna species and Threatened ecological communities (Section 18 and 18A) exist within the development site.

2. Policy Statements open for comment

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

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.

3. Notification of Variation to Approval

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	03 Jul 2009
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This decision limited the development to a single dwelling on each individual lot, for Lots 1 – 41. The proposed action is a controlled action under the EPBC Act and the controlling provisions are Section 18 and 18A (Listed Threatened Species and Communities), Section 12 and 15A (World Heritage Properties) and Sections 15B and 15C (National Heritage places).

4. Particular manner (Approval not required)

2009/4924	William Carroll Schulz & Maxine Anne Schulz/Residential development/Woodstock-Giru Road, Giru/QLD/Residential Subdivision	01 Jul 2009
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A 322.23 ha residential subdivision does not require further assessment providing the proposal is carried out in a particular manner. In areas designated as Covenant areas no clearing can be carried out, only endemic plant species can be planted and no domestic animals will be allowed.

5. Decision on Assessment Approach

2008/4647	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Abbott Point, north of Bowen, or Dudgeon, south of Mackay/QLD/Alpha Coal Project - Port Options Development	29 Jun 2009
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The Minister decided that the Alpha Coal Project Port Options Development to construct and operate a coal port is a controlled action under the EPBC Act, and that the proposal requires an environmental impact assessment to determine the level of impact.

Decision on Assessment Approach: Environmental Impact Statement

Reconsideration of Referral Determination under section 78 has been requested.

6. Approval Not required

Reference No.	Referral	Date of Notice
2009/4786	Boulder Steel Limited/Manufacturing/Aldoga Precinct of the Gladstone State Development Area/QLD/Gladstone Steel Making Facility	23 Jun 2009

Proposal to construct and operate an integrated steelmaking plant to produce semi-finished steel for export to finishing plants overseas. Size of the development footprint is 495 ha. Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Not Required

7. Proposal Withdrawn

2009/4935	Willowbend (NQ) Pty Ltd/Residential development/Gumlow/QLD/Establishment of Residential Community	02 Jul 2009
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Application for a material change of use and a development permit for 557 traditional residential allotments on 97.125 ha of land near the former City of Thuringowa, Townsville – HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

2009/4940	Daniel Goddard/Residential development/Oak Valley/QLD/Lot 5 Chisholm Trail	01 Jul 2009
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Proposal to build residential housing, a dam and access road in the Oak Valley near Townsville where the listed threatened Black Throated Finch is found Townsville – HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

8. Finalised guidelines for Environmental Impact Statement

Ref No:	Referral	Comments due
2008/4404	BG International Ltd & QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Curtis Island adjacent to Gladstone/QLD/Queensland Curtis LNG Project - Curtis Island Road	19 August 2009

2008/4401	BG International Ltd & QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Curtis Island and mainland, adjacent to Gladstone/QLD/Queensland Curtis LNG Project - LNG Marine Facilities	19 August 2009
2008/4400	BG International Ltd & QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Friend Point & Laird Point Near Gladstone & Curtis Island/QLD/Bridge Construction Connecting Mainland & Curtis Island	19 August 2009
2008/4405	BG International Ltd & QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Port of Gladstone Ship route Capricorn Channel/QLD/Shipping Activity Assoc with QLD Curtis LNG Project	19 August 2009
2008/4406	BG International Ltd & QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Port of Gladstone/QLD/Queensland Curtis LNG Project - Swing Basin and Channel Dredging	19 August 2009
2008/4398	BG International Ltd & QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Surat Basin/QLD/Development of Existing Coal Seam Gas Fields	19 August 2009
2008/4402	BG International Ltd and QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Curtis Island adjacent to Gladstone /QLD/Qld Curtis LNG Project - LNG plant and Onshore Facilities	19 August 2009
2008/4403	BG International Ltd and QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Extending 6km near Friend point, north of Gladstone/QLD/Queensland Curtis LNG Project - Mainland Road and Bridge Approach	19 August 2009
2008/4399	BG International Ltd and QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Miles to Gladstone, 380km (extending to Tara and Fairview)/QLD/Queensland Curtis LNG Project - Pipeline Network	19 August 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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STATE PROJECTS

1. Significant Projects in Northern Queensland

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

On the 1th 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

- Coal extraction from Emerald, Injune and Taroom;
- 435km pipeline (see Shell Australia LNG project below);
- The LNG facility;
- A bridge from Curtis Island to Gladstone; and
- Associated infrastructure including marina facilities, potential access road and port dredging (to extend shipping channels and develop a swing basin adjacent to either North China Bay or Boatshed Point.)

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).

Terms of reference can be found via the link on the website or click on the sections of the referral above in Section 8 finalised Guidelines for an Environmental Impact statement. 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 12th June the Coordinator-General declared the pipeline a “significant project” for which an EIS is required. The 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 is the gas sales point for existing pipeline operators. A new facility in the vicinity is the point at which Shell Australia would take coal seam gas supply from the pipeline operators.

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