

FEDERAL - EPBC Act

1. New referrals:

- a) LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PLANT – facility and gas pipeline (Curtis Island) - comments due Tuesday, 4th August 2009
- b) RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – Gumlow, Townsville change of use from Rural and part 1A and 1B of 526 residential allotment development - comments due Wednesday, 5th August 2009

2. Policy Statements:

Queensland Eel Fishery – open for comment – comments due Monday 24th August

3. Notification of variation to referral

Santos Ltd energy generation and supply (non-renewable) at Curtis Island of a Natural Gas Liquefaction Park – change of person proposing to take action

4. Approval not required

2D Seismic Survey in Commonwealth Waters, Gulf of Carpentaria

5. Decision on Assessment Approach

Residential development, Kuranda decision on Assessment Approach by Referral Information

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Queensland Infrastructure and Projects Notices – Significant Projects

- a) Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas (“LNG”) project

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1. Referrals open for comment

2009/5008	Shell Development (Australia) Pty Ltd/Mining/Gladstone City Gate to Curtis Island/QLD/Construction of a high pressure gas pipeline, Gladstone City Gate to Curtis Island, Qld	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline Date: 04 Aug 2009
2009/5007	Shell Development (Australia) Pty Ltd/Mining/Curtis Island, Approx. 6km N of Gladstone, QLD/QLD/Investigating the Development of a Liquefied Natural Gas Facility	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline Date: 04 Aug 2009

The project proposed by Shell under referral are to:

1. Build a high-pressure gas pipeline, from either the Gladstone City Gate (the gas sales point for existing pipeline operators) or a new facility, from which Shell would take coal seam gas supply to a proposed LNG facility on Curtis Island and

- The LNG facility, covering 2665 hectares, is expected to produce up to 16 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of LNG and is in conjunction with the proposed gas pipeline. It is proposed that the facility will be built in phases, including the development of up to 4 LNG trains, each with a capacity of 3 to 4 Mtpa each. The LNG facility will use gas resources supplied from coal seam gas (CSG) developments in the Surat and Bowen basins, which are located in South East and Central Queensland.

The actions may impact on the Great Barrier Reef area through visual impacts, removal of vegetation and dredging of shipping channel. Thirtyone threatened species and three ecological communities have been identified as potentially being present in the area. Migratory birds, reptiles, mammals and sharks could potentially be found in the area. Therefore, the proposed action is a controlled action.

2009/5011	Willowbend (NQ) Pty Ltd/Residential development/Gumlow/QLD/Creation of 93 residential lots and parklands in stages 1A and 1B, Willowbend, Gumlow, QLD	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline Date: 05 Aug 2009
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The proposed community on a 97.125 hectare allotment with 526 residential allotments, generally seeks to rezone the land from Rural classification to Traditional Residential zone. Listed threatened species of Black-throated Finch, Squatter Pigeon, Masked Owl and Red Goshawk may occur on the site. Fourteen species of listed migratory species may occur in the area.

The referral concludes that the proposed development is not likely to have significant impacts on environmental matters of national significance.

2. Policy Statements open for comment

[Queensland Eel Fishery](#)

The current export approval for the Queensland Eel fishery is valid until 3 November 2009 and the fishery is now due for assessment for ongoing export accreditation. In accordance with the provisions of sections 303FR and 303DC of the EPBC Act, you are invited to comment on this proposal. The public comment period opens 17 July 2009 and the closing date for comments is **24 August 2009**.

3. Notification of Variation to Referral

2008/4057	Santos Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Curtis Island, Near Gladstone/QLD/Development of a Natural Gas Liquefaction Park	Change of person proposing to take action	16 Jul 2009
2008/4058	Santos Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Hamilton Point, Curtis Island, Gladstone/QLD/Development of marine facilities to service natural gas liquefaction park	Change of person proposing to take action	16 Jul 2009
2008/4060	Santos Ltd/Transport - land/Hamilton Point, Curtis Island, near Gladstone/QLD/Construction of Bridge and Road to Access Proposed Natural Gas Liquefaction Park	Change of person proposing to take action	16 Jul 2009

4. Approval not required

2009/4925	Gulf Energy Limited/Exploration (mineral, oil and gas - marine)/150nm West N-W of Weipa, Gulf of Carpentaria/QLD/2D Seismic Survey, Permit Area Q23P	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Not Required - particular manner	15 Jul 2009
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The 2D seismic survey is not a controlled action provided it is undertaken in the manner set out in the notice.

2009/4717	Townsville Heights Estate Pty Ltd/Residential development/Jensen, Thuringowa, approx 19km north-west of Townsville/QLD/River Grove Residential Development	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Not Required	15 Jul 2009
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The reconfiguration of the site into a multistage large scale residential development was found not be a controlled action and did not require approval under the EPBC Act.

5. Decision on Assessment Approach

2009/4916	Micheli Borzi/Residential development/Kuranda Heights Road, Kuranda/QLD/Residential Subdivision	Decision on Assessment Approach: Referral Information	13 Jul 2009
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The Minister decided the residential subdivision is likely to have a significant impact on listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A) under the EPBC Act. Approval is required and the proposal will be assessed by referral information.

STATE PROJECTS

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 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.

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