

EDO-NQ Alert!

Alert 2: 7th January 2009

New referrals:

Mission Beach 13 Lot residential subdivision – comments due 12th January

Decisions on referral:

1. Western Cape York Bauxite Mine extension and port infrastructure
2. Approval with conditions for four residential developments in Oak Valley
3. Lizard Island house and cottage development approval not required

Previous Notices:

1. Queensland River and Inshore Beam Trawl Fishery – submissions due 16th January
2. Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery – submissions due 30th January
3. Threatened species – Windswept Helmut Orchid and Patagonian Toothfish – comments due 23rd January
4. Commonwealth National Heritage List – nominations due by 3rd February

Expressions of interest are being sought for membership of [the Australian State of the Environment \(SoE\) 2011 committee](#) – submissions close 18th January

Environmental Impact Statements open for comment:

Wandoan Coal Project – comments due 2nd February

This is a new section included in our regular alerts, notices are drawn from the Department of Infrastructure and Planning website. See below for an explanation.

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1. Invitation for public comment on referral

2008/4678	Wahroonga Holdings Pty Ltd/Residential development/Lot 2 SP158022 Explorer Drive, Luggar Bay, Mission Beach/QLD/13 Lot residential subdivision	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 12 Jan 2009
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The intent of the development is to provide a sustainable development that compliments the environmental and aesthetic values of the South Mission Beach area. Wildlife corridors have been earmarked for areas between lots and these will be revegetated to provide additional habitat on the site. The proposed gated community is contained within an area zoned as a conservation precinct under the local planning scheme.

The development is located 2km east of the site and is located 1 kilometre from the wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Birds, amphibians and mammals listed as threatened species, including the Southern Cassowary are identified as occurring on the property. It is concluded the proposal would not have significant impacts.

For further information on how to comment refer to the Invitations for public comment section of the [help document](#) provided by the Department of the Environment and Water Resources.

2. Decisions and Notices on Referrals

2008/4435	Rio Tinto/Mining/South of Embley River, South of Boyd Point and in Port of Weipa, Western Cape York/QLD/South of the Embley Bauxite Mine Extension, Including Construction of Port and Infrastructure	Project is to be assessed under the Bilateral Agreement with Queensland using the EIS Process under Part 4 of the Queensland State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 and the State Development and Public Works Organisation Regulation 1999	06 Jan 2009
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The project includes bauxite mining and the construction and operation of a new bauxite processing plant and infrastructure. The proposed infrastructure includes roads, water supply, product stockpiles, barge and ferry facilities to be located in the Port of Weipa. The referral concluded that the proposed action could have significant impacts on listed threatened species and communities and listed migratory species. Further opportunities for public comment will be sourced by the Queensland Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

2008/4622	Clynder Pty Ltd/Tourism and recreation/South Bay Point, Lizard Island/QLD/House and Caretakers Cottage Construction	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Not Required	23 Dec 2008
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2008/4407	Nigel Benton/Residential development/Lot 16 Chisholm Trail Oak Valley/QLD/Private House, Pool & Shed Construction	Decision on approval of action: Approved with conditions	10 Dec 2008
2008/4339	Mark Entriiken/Residential development/Lot 19 Chisholm Trail Oak Valley/QLD/Private House Construction	Decision on approval of action: Approved with conditions	10 Dec 2008
2008/4415	Jason Dixon/Residential development/Lot 7 Chisholm Trail Oak Valley/QLD/Private House, Pool, Driveway and Gardens Construction	Decision on approval of action: Approved with conditions	10 Dec 2008
2008/4194	Jeff Golding/Residential development/Lot 10 Chisholm Trail, Oak Valley/QLD/House Construction	Decision on approval of action: Approved with conditions	10 Dec 2008

Approvals have been given subject to conditions specified for each of the four applications with regard to protection of the Black-throated Finch.

3. Previous Notices

Fisheries assessments open for public comment

[Queensland River and Inshore Beam Trawl Fishery](#)

The current export approval for the Queensland River and Inshore Beam Trawl Fishery is valid until 15 February 2009 and the fishery is now due for assessment for ongoing export accreditation. Closing date for comments **Friday 16th January 2009**.

[Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery](#)

The current export approval for the East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery is valid until 28 February 2009 and the fishery is now due for assessment for ongoing export accreditation. Closing date for comments **Friday 30th January 2009**.

Nominations of threatened or endangered species

The public are invited to comment on Nominations put to the Committee. Comments are due **23rd January 2009**.

S281	Windswept Helmet Orchid (<i>Nematoceras dienemum</i>)	Nominated category: endangered	Qld
S277	Patagonian Toothfish (<i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i>)	Nominated category: conservation dependent	Australian waters

National Heritage List

Nominations for places for inclusion in the National Heritage List of Commonwealth Heritage List are invited from the Public – **closes 3rd February 2009**. [For further details](#)

4. Other Notices

Expressions of interest are being sought for membership of the Australian **State of the Environment (SoE) 2011 committee**. The 2011 report will be produced independently by a committee of experts appointed by the Minister. For further details on submitting an expression of interest refer to [the Department website](#) – **submissions close on 18 January 2008**.

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. Environmental Impact Statements for Significant Projects

[Wadoan Coal Project](#)

Located in central Queensland the project would comprise a number of open-cut coal mines. The coal will be crushed, processed and blended on site before being transported by rail to a possible new coal terminal at Port Alma or the Port of Gladstone. The Coordinator-General has now approved the EIS for the project and it is available for public review, further details and how to access the EIS are on the website. Comments due **Monday, 2nd February 2009**.

Regards,

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