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1. 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**.

2. Approval required

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	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	Date of notice: 03 Aug 2009
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	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	Date of notice: 03 Aug 2009
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	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	Date of notice: 03 Aug 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.

Regards,

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