

**FEDERAL - EPBC Act**

## 1. Referrals open for comment

- a) Surat Basin construction of high pressure buried gas pipeline – comments due Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August
- b) Galilee Basin, southwest of Mackay, 30 million tonne per annum coal mine – comments due Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## 2. Permit application

- a) Humpback Whales, permit to conduct scientific research – comments due Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August
- b) Giant Panda, permit to import to Adelaide Zoo – comments due Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

## 3. Policy Statements:

- a) Queensland Eel Fishery – open for comment – comments due Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## 4. Decision – approval required

- a) Kuranda Heights Road Residential subdivision – draft recommendation available
- b) Curtis Island LNG Plant and Ancillary onshore and marine facilities
- c) Surat Basin expansion
- d) Curtis Island Gas Pipeline

## 5. Variation to proposal

- a) Curtis Island removal of two coal seam gas field areas from proposal
- b) Curtis Island Road – proposal withdrawn
- c) Curtis Island bridge construction - proposal withdrawn
- d) Curtis Island LNG Project for Mainland Road approach – proposal withdrawn

**STATE**

## Queensland Infrastructure and Projects Notices – Significant Projects

- a) Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas (“LNG”) project – comments due Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August

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**1. Referrals open for comment**

Reference No.	Title of referral	Invitation	Date of Notice	Deadline Date
2009/5029	<a href="#">Surat Gladstone Pipeline Pty Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Kogan to Gladstone/QLD/Construction of a high pressure buried gas pipeline, Kogan to Gladstone, QLD</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	07 Aug 2009	21 Aug 2009

The proposed action involves the construction of a 660 mm diameter, 467 km long buried high pressure coal seam gas (CSG) pipeline from the Surat Basin gas fields (near Kogan) to Fisherman’s Landing, Gladstone, commonly referred to as the Surat to Gladstone Pipeline (the Project). The proposed action will include the creation of a 30 m wide right-of-way (ROW) to support construction activities, including clear and grade, pipe stringing, welding, trenching, laying the pipe into the trench, and rehabilitation. A number of threatened flora and fauna species are likely to occur in the project area with the referral concluding that the project will have minimal impact, the most likely to be the short-term loss of habitat to vegetation clearing.

2009/5033	<a href="#">Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd/Mining/50km N of Alpha, Galilee Basin/QLD/Kevin's Corner Project, open cut-underground coal mine and infrastructure, Galilee Basin, QLD</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	11 Aug 2009	25 Aug 2009
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The proposed 30 million tonne per annum open-cut and underground thermal coal mine is located approximately 360km southwest of Mackay with an estimated footprint of 37,560ha. The mine will use the rail and port facilities of the Alpha Coal Project (EPBC referral no 2008/4647 and 2008/4648). There are 10 listed threatened fauna species and two listed ecological communities and 9 listed migratory species of conservational significance that may occur in the project area.

Despite the footprint area of the project the referral concludes that the project is not likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance.

## 2. Permit applications

### [Humpback whale research](#)

This application is specifically for a permit to conduct scientific research on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in Australian waters, under which the applicant is seeking to develop a better understanding of how anthropogenic underwater noise affects humpback whales, including seismic airgun noise. Also to develop non-invasive methods of studying the physiology of baleen whales.

In accordance with the provisions of section 237(3b) of the EPBC Act, you are invited to comment on this proposal before **COB Tuesday 25 August 2009**.

### [Proposed importation of giant pandas to Adelaide Zoo, South Australia.](#)

Two pandas (named Wang Wang and Funi, young male and female animals that were captive bred at Wolong Centre in China) will be on loan to Adelaide Zoo for 10 years under a private agreement between Adelaide Zoo and the China Wildlife Conservation Association.

The public are invited to provide written comments on the proposal to issue this permit. Please include your full name and address in your submission. Any written comments will be considered by the Minister in making his decision. Comments must be submitted by **Friday, 28 August 2009**.

### 3. 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 **Monday, 24 August 2009**.

### 4. Decision - Approval required

Reference Number	Title of referral	Notifications from EPBC Act	Date of Notice
2009/4916	<a href="#">Micheli Borzi/Residential development/Kuranda Heights Road, Kuranda/QLD/Residential Subdivision</a>	Assessment Process Notice: Draft recommendation report completed	11 Aug 2009

Draft recommendation from department to minister. To make comment the public must make representation to the minister directly.

2009/4977	<a href="#">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</a>	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	03 Aug 2009
2009/4977	<a href="#">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</a>	Decision on Assessment Approach: Not Applicable; Bilateral Agreement Applies	03 Aug 2009
2009/4974	<a href="#">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</a>	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	03 Aug 2009
2009/4974	<a href="#">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</a>	Decision on Assessment Approach: Not Applicable; Bilateral Agreement Applies	03 Aug 2009
2009/4976	<a href="#">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</a>	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	03 Aug 2009
2009/4976	<a href="#">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</a>	Decision on Assessment Approach: Not Applicable; Bilateral Agreement Applies	03 Aug 2009

## 5. Variation to proposal

2008/4059	<a href="#">Santos Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/area around Emerald, Injune, Taroom and Roma townships/QLD/Coal Seam Gas Field Development for Natural Gas Liquefaction Park, Curtis Island</a>	Notification of Variation to proposal	05 Aug 2009
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Santos now proposes to change the proposal by removing two coal seam gas field areas from the referral. The reason for the variation is that Santos does not propose to utilise these areas for the project. They suggest the impacts will be reduce due to this variation.

2008/4404	<a href="#">BG International Ltd &amp; QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Curtis Island adjacent to Gladstone/QLD/Queensland Curtis LNG Project - Curtis Island Road</a>	Proposal Withdrawn	31 Jul 2009
2008/4400	<a href="#">BG International Ltd &amp; QGC Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Friend Point &amp; Laird Point Near Gladstone &amp; Curtis Island/QLD/Bridge Construction Connecting Mainland &amp; Curtis Island</a>	Proposal Withdrawn	31 Jul 2009
2008/4403	<a href="#">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</a>	Proposal Withdrawn	31 Jul 2009

Proposals withdrawn.

*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 1<sup>th</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

- 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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