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1. Draft policy statement open for comment

[Significant Impact Guidelines for the endangered southern cassowary \(Casuarus casuarus johnsonii\) Wet Tropics Population](#)

Final comments are now being sought from interested parties on the policy statement, particularly in relation to its usability and suggestions for improvement. We would also be interested in any new research or information on the species to contribute to future policy revisions. Comments are due **COB Friday 28th August 2009**.

2. Decisions - Approval required

Reference Number	Title of referral	Notifications from EPBC Act	Date of Notice	Deadline Date
2008/4365	Metricon Qld Pty Ltd/Residential development/Cnr Coquette Point Rd & River Rd, Innisfail/QLD/179 lot Residential development and construction of artificial lake	Invitation for Public Comment on Draft decision on approval	18 Aug 2009	02 Sep 2009

The delegate to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts has decided to seek public comment on attached draft approval decision made on 14 August 2009 for the Seahaven residential/commercial development on Ninds Creek at Innisfail, Queensland. Comments may be submitted by email, fax or post, click on the link above for further details.

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	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	18 Aug 2009
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	Decision on Assessment Approach: Preliminary Documentation	18 Aug 2009

The proposed action was found to be a controlled action as it is likely to have a significant impact on Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A).

3. Reminders

[Humpback whale research](#)

Permit to conduct scientific research on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in Australian waters. 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.](#)

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**.

[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. Open for public comment until **Monday, 24 August 2009**.

4. Other

[Consultation on draft legislation to establish a Greenhouse and Energy Audit Framework](#)

Exposure drafts of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Regulations 2009 and the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Audit) Determination 2009 are available for public comment.

Stakeholders are invited to provide written submissions on the draft legislation and input to the NGER Auditor Registration Instrument **by 28 August 2009**. A template for submissions has been provided to assist stakeholders in providing comments is provided on the website.

Regards,

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