

FEDERAL - EPBC Act

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1. Referrals open for comment

Reference No.	Title of referral	Invitation	Date of Notice	Deadline Date
2009/5051	Wilmatt Holdings Pty Ltd/Residential development/Wongaling Beach/QLD/Rockingham Close residential development, Lot 66 on SP164474, Wongaling Beach QLD	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	24 Aug 2009	07 Sep 2009

The proposed development comprises 26 residential allotments, associated infrastructure and conservation corridor on a site of approximately 24.46ha. the site is 40 metres from the boundary of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. The site is identified as potentially containing habitat for 14 types of listed threatened species and 18 types of listed migratory species.

The referral concludes that it is unlikely to have a significant impact. The referral produced by Wilmatt Holdings Pty Ltd can be viewed via the link above.

2. Wildlife trade and conservation invitations for comment

[Draft environment assessment report for the importation of *Temnocerus debilis* \(a tip weevil\) for release as a biological control agent](#)

Application by CSIRO to release the tip weevil *Temnocerus debilis* a potential biological control agent of the weed *Mimosa pigra* which is found in Northern Australia and parts of the East Coast of Australia. Comments are invited on the draft report by 5pm **Friday, 18th September**.

3. 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

There is an opportunity to comment on the draft approval decision for the subdivision near Ninds Creek, Innisfail. The proposed action includes 179 medium density residences, 12 units and construction of a waterway barrier, an artificial lake, a marina consisting of 54 berths and other facilities. The controlling provision include World Heritage areas of the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics and listed threatened species and communities.

Conditions attached to this approval can be viewed through the link above.

2009/4916	Micheli Borzi/Residential development/Kuranda Heights Road, Kuranda/QLD/Residential Subdivision	Invitation for Public Comment on Draft Recommendation Report	25 Aug 2009	08 Sep 2009
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The public is invited to comment on the draft Recommendation Report available for viewing via the link above. The recommendations take into account the impact on the Australian Lace-lid frog and its habitat, building envelopes and vegetation clearing.

2009/4858	Cairns Regional Council/Transport - land/Daintree to Cape Tribulation Road, 2 km North of Diwan /QLD/Coopers Creek Road Crossing Upgrade on the Daintree to Cape Tribulation Road	Notification of Publication of Preliminary Documentation	24 Aug 2009	07 Sep 2009
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It is found that the proposed upgrade of a road crossing at Cooper Creek along the Cape Tribulation Road is a controlled action as it is likely to have a significant impact on listed threatened species and communities under sections 18 and 18A.

Documentation for the proposal will be displayed between Monday 24th August and Monday 7th September at the Cairns Regional Council offices, QLD Dept of Env & RM offices at 58 Sheridan Street, Cairns.

Written submissions are invited from the public and are due by 5pm Monday 7th September.

4. Other decisions on referrals

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	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	21 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	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	21 Aug 2009

5. Reminders

[Significant Impact Guidelines for the endangered southern cassowary \(*Casuarius casuarius johnsonii*\) 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**.

[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**.

6. 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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