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1. Referrals open for comment

2009/5064	QER Pty Ltd/Mining/375 Landing Road, Yarwun/QLD/Replacement of Existing Processing Plant with a smaller Technology Demonstration Plant	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Due Date: 11 Sep 2009
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At the location of an existing oil shale mine and processing plant at Stuart near Gladstone, the current proposal is the replacement of the existing processing plant with a significantly smaller 'technology demonstration plant' (TDP). The total footprint of the proposal is approximately 3 hectares.

The proposed action is located 1 km from the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Property and the Mt Larcom Range National Heritage Estate. Threatened flora and fauna may occur in the location including marine life. 29 migratory species may also be found in or near the site. The referral concludes there is not likely to be any significant impacts.

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. Open for comment on Draft EIS Guidelines

2009/4837	<u>Ports Corporation of Queensland/Transport - water/Abbot Point, Queensland/QLD/Development of a New Multi Cargo Facility, Point Abbot, Queensland</u>	Invitation for Public Comment on Draft EIS Guidelines	Due Date: 11 Sept 2009
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The guidelines for the content of a draft EIS for the development of a Multi Cargo Facility at Abbot Point, near Gladstone have been made available for comment.

4. Other decisions on referrals

2005/1996	<u>R and E Plapp/Urban and commercial new development/South Mission Beach/QLD/Tourist - Residential Development, off Jackey Jackey Street</u>	Notification of Variation to Approval	31 Aug 2009
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Of the conditions under the original approval 8(a) has been substituted.

2003/1179	<u>Starline Australia Holdings/Tourism, recreation and conservation management/False Cape, Cairns/QLD/Reef Cove Resort</u>	Notice of suspension of approval	27 Aug 2009
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A further notice of suspension until 27 August 2010 for approval under the EPBC Act.

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

Queensland Curtis LNG project

The project proposes to develop an integrated liquefied natural gas project in Queensland comprising :

- expansion of coal seam gas operations in the Surat Basin
- development of a gas and water pipeline network
- development of the liquefied natural gas processing and export facility on Curtis Island.

On 4 July 2008, the Coordinator-General declared the project to be a 'significant project' for which an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required in accordance with Part 4 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld)* (SDPWOA). The Department of Infrastructure and Planning will manage the EIS process on behalf of the Coordinator-General.

Written submissions on the EIS are invited from the public by **5pm Monday 19 October 2009**.

Gladstone Steel Making Facility

Boulder Steel Limited is proposing to construct and operate an integrated steel making plant at a site within the Aldoga Precinct of the Gladstone State Development Area in Central Queensland. The plant will produce high quality steel for export to overseas finishing plants.

On 3 April 2009, the Coordinator-General declared the Gladstone Steel Making Facility to be a significant project for which an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under Part 4 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld)*.

On 23 June 2009, the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts determined the project is not a controlled action and therefore will not require assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)* (EPBC Act).

The draft TOR is available for public review and written comments are due by **5pm Monday 12th October 2009**.

Regards,

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