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1. Referrals open for comment

2009/5080	Atherton Tablelands Developments/Residential development/Malanda/QLD/Residential development and supporting service infrastructure, Lot 200 SP195706, Davies Road	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Due Date: 23 Sep 2009
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This project involves the development of 125.87 ha of rural land (currently used for conservation and grazing) three kilometres from Malanda, North Queensland into 168 rural residential lots and a conservation area.

Located approximately 6kms from the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area with listed threatened species and migratory species likely to be found on the site. The developer's referral concludes that there will be no impacts on protected matters and that remnant vegetation will be preserved.

2. Decisions and Preliminary Documentation on referrals

2009/4737	Waratah Coal Incorporated/Mining/Alpha in the Galilee Basin to Abbot Point/QLD/Establishment of Galilee Coal Mine and Associated Infrastructure	Assessment Process Notice: Guidelines issued	Date of notice: 04 Sep 2009
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Guidelines for the assessment process notice are now issued.

2009/4759	BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Ltd/Transport - Water/Port of Hay Point/QLD/Hay Point Coal Terminal Expansion	Notification of Publication of Preliminary Documentation	Date of notice: 10 Sep 2009
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Located approximately 38km south of Mackay the terminal expansion includes dredging works, offshore blasting, disposal of dredge material, land reclamation and infrastructure construction.

This proposed action is a “controlled action” as it is likely to have a significant impact on five matters of National Environmental Significance.

Assessment of the project will be via preliminary documentation. Members of the public are invited to view the documents and make **comment by 5pm Wednesday 7th October, 2009.**

2008/3959	Property Projects NQ Pty Ltd/Residential development/Lot 2 RP732964, West of Tully-Mission Beach Rd, Mission Beach/QLD/Tully-Mission Beach Road 40 Lot Residential Subdivision	Correction Notice: Decision on approval of action	Date of notice: 10 Sep 2009
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The notification of Decision on approval of action: Approved with conditions published on the Department’s website on 15 June 2009 contained two errors. The notification mistakenly omitted to include two attachments, Annexure 2 and Annexure 3 to the document recording the decision. Annexure 2 and Annexure 3 are attached to this correction notice.

1. 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.**

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**.

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