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Projects open for submissions

Queensland Curtis LNG project – submissions on the EIS by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Gladstone Steel Making Facility – submissions on the draft Terms of Reference by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

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## 1. Decisions and Preliminary Documentation on referrals

Reference Number	Title of referral	Notifications from EPBC Act	Date of Notice
2009/4837	<a href="#">Ports Corporation of Queensland/Transport - water/Abbot Point, Queensland/QLD/Development of a New Multi Cargo Facility, Point Abbot, Queensland</a>	Assessment Process Notice: Guidelines issued	02 Oct 2009

The Guidelines for the content of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement have been published for public viewing. The public will be invited to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement once it has been produced.

## 2. Nominations to the Threatened Species Scientific Committee

### [Pseudomys novaehollandiae \(New Holland Mouse\) - comment on nomination](#)

EPBC Act nomination to list in vulnerable category. In Queensland it is listed as common but a recent report concludes the species is endangered in Queensland. Members of the public are invited to comment on this nomination to further inform the committee in its nomination assessment process. Public comment period closes on **30<sup>th</sup> October 2009**.

### [Allen's cling goby \(\*Stiphodon allen\*\) - comment on nomination](#)

EPBC Act nomination to list in endangered category for this freshwater fish species. The adult cling gobies are confined to freshwater streams in high rainfall regions, and in Australia are exclusively found within the Wet Tropics, only inhabiting relatively pristine rainforest streams. Public comment period closes on **3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009**.

## 3. Draft national recovery plans open for public comment

There are a number of recovery plans that are open for comment until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Click on the link below to view the full details on the DEWHA website.

Draft recovery plans that apply to the Northern Queensland area:

1. [Draft national recovery plan for the northern bettong \*Bettongia tropica\*](#)  
Currently occur in three locations: Mt Carbine Tableland, Lamb Range and Coane Range (Paluma) and listed as endangered.
2. [Draft national recovery plan for the Proserpine rock-wallaby \*Petrogale persephone\*](#)  
Listed as endangered the Proserpine rock-wallaby essential habitat is found around Proserpine.
3. [Draft national recovery plan for the spectacled flying fox \*Pteropus conspicillatus\*](#)  
Listed as vulnerable the spectacled flying fox occurs in north-eastern Queensland, with the largest population known from the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area between Townsville and Cooktown.

4. [Draft national recovery plan for the buff-breasted button-quail \*Turnix olivii\*](#)

Critical habitat can be broadly defined as stoney or grassy woodlands and forests on plains and slopes found throughout inland Queensland. Due to lack of detailed information population locations and numbers are not know.

5. [Draft national recovery plan for the water mouse \(false water rat\) \*Xeromys myoides\*](#)

The water mouse is listed as vulnerable in Queensland and a threatened species in the Northern Territory. They are found in coastal saltmarsh, mangrove and wetland habitats and in Queensland from Proserpine south to the Queensland/New South Wales Border.

#### 4. Wildlife trade and conservation invitations for comment

##### [Amendment to Live Import List to include Axolotl \(\*Ambystoma mexicanum\*\)](#)

The Australian Regenerative Medicine Unit of Monash University has prepared a draft environment assessment report under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to include *A. mexicanum* (Axolotl) on the live import list for research purposes.

**Comments are due by 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009.**

##### [Draft environment assessment report for the importation of \*Onthophagus vacca\* \(a scarabaeine dung beetle\) for release as a biological control agent](#)

##### [Draft environment assessment report for the importation of \*Bubas bubalus\* \(a scarabaeine dung beetle\) for release as a biological control agent](#)

CSIRO Entomology has prepared draft environment assessment reports to include two varieties of scarabaeine dungbeetle on the live import list for release into the Australian environment to enhance cattle dung burial, and thus limit reproduction of the Australian Bush Fly (*Musca vetustissima*). Comments are invited on the draft report by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**.

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*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

#### Fisherman's Landing Port Expansion – EIS

Gladstone Ports Corporation proposes the northern expansion of the existing Fisherman's Landing facility at the Port of Gladstone through the reclamation of additional land adjacent to the existing port facility. The Coordinator-General declared it a 'significant project' on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Under the EPBC Act (Cth) it was determined the project is not a 'controlled action'.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has now been released for public and advisory agency comment. See the 'Have your say on EIS' section of the [Fisherman's Landing Port Expansion webpage](#) for details on how to access a copy of the EIS. A fact sheet and template for making submissions are also available.

All submissions are due by **5pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

#### Shell Australia LNG Project – draft TOR

Shell CSG (Australia) Pty Ltd is investigating the development of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility on Curtis Island off Gladstone in the central Queensland coast. The project includes the proposed LNG facility on Curtis Island, a gas pipeline from the Gladstone City Gate and dredging of Port Curtis to extend shipping channels and develop a swing basin adjacent to either North China Bay or Boatshed Point.

The Coordinator-General declared the project a 'significant project' on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and on 21<sup>st</sup> August the project was determined a controlled action under the EPBC Act (Cth).

The preparation of the terms of reference is the first stage in the EIS process. The public are invited to make written submissions by **5pm Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October**. Further details are available on the [Shell Australia LNG Project webpage](#).

#### Queensland Curtis LNG project – EIS

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.

The EIS is prepared by the proponent and released for public and advisory comment. The Coordinator-General will consider all "properly made submissions". The EIS is still available for viewing at 11 libraries and offices throughout the area. For further details on how to lodge a submission and template see the Have your say on the EIS section of the [Queensland Curtis LNG project webpage](#).

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

## Gladstone Steel Making Facility – draft TOR

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.

All matters raised in the submissions will be considered and, where appropriate, will be incorporated into the finalised TOR. The proponent will prepare the EIS based on the requirements of the final TOR. Further details are available on the project's [webpage](#).

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

Regards,

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