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**STATE**

Project approved

Moura Link-Aldoga Rail – expansion to rail network in areas north of greater Gladstone – date of notice 7<sup>th</sup> October

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Fisherman's Landing Port Expansion – submissions on the EIS by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Queensland Curtis LNG project – submissions on the EIS by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

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## 1. Decisions and Preliminary Documentation on referrals

Please note that when the preliminary documentation is available it will be open to public comment. Prior notice is given of assessment by this method to give members time to accumulate information as only XXX days notice is given for submission.

Reference Number	Title of referral	Notifications from EPBC Act	Date of Notice
2009/5080	<a href="#">Atherton Tablelands Developments/Residential development/Malanda/QLD/Johnstone River Park rural residential subdivision, Lot 200 SP195706, Davies Road</a>	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	07 Oct 2009

The rural residential subdivision on Davies Road, Malanda will be assessed by preliminary documentation, it is likely to impact on Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A).

2007/3416	<a href="#">Norman Properties Pty Ltd/Residential development/Speewah/QLD/Rural Residential Subdivision, Lot 1, RP728479, Douglas Track</a>	Notification of Variation to Approval	09 Oct 2009
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The variation is to delete condition 3 of the approval decision of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and substitute the condition specified in Annexure 1.

2009/5087	<a href="#">BM Webb Holdings Pty Ltd/Mining/Cape Cleveland/QLD/Staged sand extraction, Lot 1 on RP733021, 203 Carty Road</a>	Decision whether action needs approval/Approval Required	13 Oct 2009
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It was found that the sand extraction near Townsville was a controlled action and was to be assessed by Preliminary Documentation. The relevant controlling provisions are:

- Wetlands of international importance (sections 16 & 17B)
- Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
- Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)

2009/5029	<a href="#">Surat Gladstone Pipeline Pty Ltd/Energy generation and supply (non-renewable)/Kogan to Gladstone/QLD/Construction of a high pressure buried gas pipeline, Kogan to Gladstone, QLD</a>	Decision on Assessment Approach: Preliminary Documentation	15 Oct 2009
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The construction of a 467 km long buried high pressure coal seam gas pipeline from Dalby to Gladstone was found to be a controlled action and will be assessed by preliminary documentation, it is likely to impact on Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)

## 2. Threatened species status review

The Threatened Species Scientific Committee is reviewing the status of a number of species. Listed below are the species found in Queensland currently undergoing status review. For further information view the [Biodiversity Threatened species](#) page (scroll down) of the website.

Species Name	Nominated Category	State	Comment period closes
<i>Acacia chinchillensis</i>	De-list	Queensland	27 November 2009
<i>Calamus warburgii</i>	De-list	Queensland	27 November 2009
Callistemon sp. Boulia (L.Pedley 5297) = <i>Callistemon viminalis</i>	De-list	Queensland	27 November 2009
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>	De-list	Queensland	27 November 2009
<i>Digitaria porrecta</i>	Downgrade to Vulnerable	New South Wales, Queensland	27 November 2009
<i>Diuris sheaffiana</i> - <i>Diuris tricolour</i>	De-list	Qld, NSW, Vic	27 November 2009
<i>Diuris tricolour</i>	De-list	Qld, NSW, Vic	27 November 2009
<i>Hicksbeachia pinnatifolia</i>	De-list	New South Wales, Queensland	27 November 2009
<i>Leucopogon cuspidatus</i>	De-list	Queensland	27 November 2009
<i>Pultenaea stuartiana</i> - <i>Pultenaea foliolosa</i>	De-list	New South Wales, Queensland	27 November 2009
<i>Pultenaea foliolosa</i>	De-list	New South Wales, Queensland	27 November 2009
<i>Ristantia gouldii</i>	De-list	Queensland	27 November 2009
<i>Tinospora tinosporoides</i>	De-list	New South Wales, Queensland	27 November 2009
<i>Xanthostemon youngie</i>	De-list	Queensland	27 November 2009

## 3. 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**.

#### **4. 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.

#### **5. 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**

#### **Moura Link-Aldoga Rail – Project approved**

Expansion to the rail network in the areas north of greater Gladstone to service a number of facilities, including the proposed Wiggins Island Coal Terminal located in Port of Gladstone.

The Coordinator-General's report evaluating the EIS for the Moura Link – Aldoga Rail Project was approved on 7 October 2009. The Coordinator-General determined that the project can proceed subject to specific recommendations and conditions as outlined in the report to manage potential adverse impacts.

[The Evaluation report on the EIS](#) is available.

#### **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**.

#### **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**.

Regards,

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