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**STATE**

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- Shell Australia LNG Project – submissions on draft TOR by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- 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. Referrals open for comment

2009/5158	<a href="#">Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd/Mining/Balaclava Island/QLD/Balaclava Island Coal Export Terminal</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline Date: 05 Nov 2009
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Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd proposes to build and operate a new coal export terminal at Balaclava Island, and on nearby land on the mainland approximately 40 km north of Gladstone. The ultimate footprint of the development will be approximately 240 hectares. The berths of the proposed coal terminal will be located within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area and is 150km southeast of the Shoalwater and 70km southeast of Corio Bays Area Wetlands. There are three endangered ecological communities in the project area and 27 listed threatened species and 57 migratory species that may occur in the area.

The referral concludes that the action is a controlled action and is likely to have a significant impacts.

## 2. 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
2009/5029	<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

To construct a 467 km long buried high pressure coal seam gas pipeline and was found to be a controlled action.

## Previous Notices

## 3. 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

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Callistemon sp. Boulia (L.Pedley 5297) = Callistemon viminalis	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

#### 4. 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**.

#### 5. 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.

## 6. 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

#### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Further details are available on the [DIP website](#).

#### 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**.

Regards,

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