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## 1. Decisions and Preliminary Documentation on referrals

Reference Number	Title of referral	Notifications from EPBC Act	Date of Notice
2009/4916	<a href="#">Micheli Borzi/Residential development/Kuranda Heights Road, Kuranda/QLD/Residential Subdivision</a>	Correction Notice	05 Nov 2009
2009/4858	<a href="#">Cairns Regional Council/Transport - land/Daintree to Cape Tribulation Road, 2 km North of Diwan /QLD/Cooper Creek Crossing Upgrade on the Daintree to Cape Tribulation Road</a>	Correction Notice	05 Nov 2009
2006/3150	<a href="#">Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd/Water management and use/Mary River/QLD/Traveston Crossing Dam</a>	Notification of Proposed Decision	11 Nov 2009

## 2. Wildlife trade and conservation invitations for comment

### Proposal for the commercial harvest and export of invertebrates from Queensland

Operating primarily as a research centre, located near Mt Garnet, the privately owned farm generates its income from both commercial harvesting and breeding. Export of specimens harvested on this property was first approved by the Federal Government in 1995. This proposal covers the harvesting from two (2) properties and if approved would be in force for up to three years. [More info ...](#)

Please submit your comments by **4 December 2009**.

### [CITES - 15th Conference of the Parties \(CoP 15\)](#)

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement between governments. Its aim is to ensure that the international trade in animals and plants does not threaten their survival. Australia is one of 175 current signatories to CITES.

Comments are invited from interested individuals and organisations on Conference of Parties (CoP 15) proposals and agenda items. Comments must be received by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010** and be clearly referenced to the specified agenda items.

## 3. Nominations to the Threatened Species Scientific Committee

[Centrophorus moluccensis \(Endeavour Dogfish\) - comment on conservation status](#) *and*  
[Centrophorus harrissoni \(Harrisson's Dogfish\) - comment on conservation status](#)

EPBC Act nomination to list as a threatened species. 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 **17<sup>th</sup> November 2009**.

## Reminders

### 1. Wildlife Import

#### [Environment assessment report for the live import of the pea aphid \*Acyrtosiphon pisum\*](#)

CSIRO Entomology has prepared a draft environment assessment report under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to include *A. pisum* (pea aphid) on the live import list for research purposes, as part of an international pea aphid genome project. Invitation for public comment closes **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009**.

### 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. Comments due by **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**.

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) = 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

### 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.

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### STATE PROJECTS

*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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#### 1. Significant Projects in Northern Queensland

## Australia Pacific LNG Project

The proposed integrated liquefied natural gas project comprises of a development of coal seam gas resources in Walloon gas fields; construction of 400 km underground gas pipeline and development of LNG processing and export facility in the Gladstone State Development Area. There were 20 submissions on the draft Terms of Reference for the EIS which are currently under consideration. [More info ...](#)

## Galilee Power Station

Declared a significant project by the Coordinator General on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 if is proposed to build a 900MW coal-fired power station 30km north-west of Alpha in the Galilee Basin, Central Queensland. The Initial Advice Statement is available, with expected release of the draft TOR in January 2010. [More info ...](#)

## Port of Gladstone Western Basin Dredging

The final terms of reference was released by the Coordinator-General on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009. It is expected the EIS will available for public comment sometime in November. The project accommodates the long-term dredging and dredged material disposal for access to the existing and proposed Gladstone Western Basin Port. To view a copy of TOR and Initial advice statement follow the [link](#).

## Kevin's Corner – draft TOR

Hancock Galilee Pty Ltd proposes a 30 million tonne per annum coal mine in the Galilee Basin to service international export markets for thermal coal. Located approximately 56 kilometres north of the township of Alpha and 360 kilometres south-west of Mackay. The Alpha Coal project is on adjoining land.

The draft terms of reference are now available for public consultation via the [website](#). A fact sheet and submission form to assist you when completing submissions are available on the [website](#). Copies of the draft TOR are available for public review in Alpha, Barcaldine, Emerald council offices and the State Library in Brisbane.

Comments can be made until **5pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

Regards,

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