

New referrals:

1. Construction of residences in Oak Valley, Townsville – comments due Monday, 16th February
2. Resort and residential development, Bowen – comments due Tuesday 17th February

Previous Notices:

1. Coral Sea Fishery – environmental assessment – submissions due Wednesday, 25th February
2. Draft environment assessment report for the importation of common eggfly butterflies (*Hypolimnas bolina*) – comments due 6th March
3. Consultation Draft of the Policy for Biodiversity Offsets – submissions due 13th March

Queensland Infrastructure and Projects notices:

1. **Connors River Dam** – terms of reference open for comment due Monday 9th March
2. **Townsville Ocean Terminal** – approval to proceed with conditions

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1. Invitation for public comment on referral

2009/4723	Raveyard P/L/Residential development/Lot 17, Chisholm Trail, Oak Valley/QLD/Construction of residence including pool, driveway, gardens and shed	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 16 Feb 2009
2009/4724	Raveyard P/L/Residential development/Lot 5, Chisholm Trail, Oak Valley/QLD/Construction of residence including pool, driveway, gardens and shed	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	16 Feb 2009

Both proposed developments are in an area where the Black Throated Finch may be found. The Finch is listed as a threatened species.

2009/4726	Trebby Pty Ltd/Tourism and recreation/Bowen/QLD/Resort and Residential Development, Horseshoe Bay Road	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Comments due: 17 Feb 2009
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The proposed development is for multiple dwelling units, shops, conference rooms and a restaurant on land described as Lots 204 on HR2007, 243 on HR1172, 229 on HR967, 178 on HR948, 224 on HR948 and 178 on HR948, Horseshoe Bay Rd, Bowen.

Stormwater runoff from the site discharges directly to the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The site is adjacent to habitats for migratory marine species of birds and reptiles. The referral concludes the proposal will not have a significant impact and measures to minimise the potential impacts from stormwater runoff are proposed.

For further information on how to comment refer to the Invitations for public comment section of the [help document](#) provided by the Department of the Environment and Water Resources.

2. Previous Notices

[Coral Sea Fishery](#)

The current export approval for the Coral Sea Fishery is valid until 19 March 2009 and the fishery is now due for assessment for ongoing export accreditation. – Comments are invited on the submission for environmental assessment - **due Wednesday, 25th February**.

[Draft environment assessment report for the importation of common eggfly butterflies \(Hypolimnas bolina\) for laboratory research.](#)

Comments are invited on The University of Queensland's draft report to amend the live import list to include the Common Eggfly Butterfly – **comments by 6th March**.

Consultation Draft of the Policy for Biodiversity Offsets

The Environmental Protection Agency has released the draft Policy for Biodiversity Offsets for consultation and invites written submissions from individuals and organisations by the **final date of 13th March 2009**. The draft Policy on Biodiversity Offsets is available for downloading from the [EPA website](#) or request a copy by emailing offsets@epa.qld.gov.au or phoning (07) 3227 7783.

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. Environmental Impact Statements for Significant Projects

Connors River Dam – terms of reference open for comment

The preparation of terms of reference for an EIS is the first stage of the EIS process. Terms of reference control what is discussed in an EIS and covers social, economic and environmental impacts of a project. Draft terms of reference for the Connors River Dam EIS were released for public comment on 31 January 2009. **Comments due by 5 pm 9 March 2009.**

Townsville Ocean Terminal – approval to proceed

On 30 January 2009 the Coordinator-General finalised his report on the project. The Coordinator-General recommended that the project may proceed subject to certain conditions and recommendations contained in the [Coordinator-General's Report](#).

Regards,

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