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**1. Referrals open for public comment**

2009/5051	<a href="#">Wilmatt Holdings Pty Ltd/Residential development/Wongaling Beach/QLD/Rockingham Close residential development, Lot 66 on SP164474, Wongaling Beach QLD</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Assessment Process Notice: Guidelines issued	Date of notice: 22 Dec 2009	Comments due: 22 Jan 2010
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Comments are invited on the draft guidelines for the preparation of a draft public environment report into the residential development at Rockingham Close.

**Reminders**

**Queensland East Coast Pearl Fishery**

The current export approval for the Queensland East Coast Pearl Fishery is valid until 20 January 2010 and the fishery is now due for reassessment for ongoing export accreditation. It is a small-scale, wild-harvest fishery that collects live adult pearl oyster shell along the east coast of Queensland.

The submission is available from the DEWHA website and open for public comment until **COB Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

*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

#### Belvedere Coal

On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009 was declared a significant project requiring an environmental impact statement. A draft terms of reference will be prepared and made available for public comment. It is proposed to construct an underground longwall mining operation to produce approximately 1 to 2 million tonnes per annum. The project covers an area of approximately 13000 hectares and is located seven kilometres north-east of Moura in the Bowen Basin in Central Queensland. The initial advice statement is available from the [website](#).

Regards,

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