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## EDO-NQ Alert!

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### NEW REFERRALS and NOTICES

Port of Townsville expansion	Draft EIS for comment	2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Cairns and Danulla Conservation Park Management	Draft plan	12 <sup>th</sup> March
Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve	Reserve Proposal	24 <sup>th</sup> February
North West Queensland Regional Water Supply Strategy	Draft strategy	16 <sup>th</sup> April
Cape York World Heritage Nomination	Nomination process	ASAP
De-list of threatened species	De-list nominations	19 <sup>th</sup> September
Packaging	Consultation Paper	14 <sup>th</sup> February

### NOTICES STILL OPEN

<a href="#">Protected Area Management Plan</a>	DERM Plan	13 <sup>th</sup> February
<a href="#">Proserpine Waste Water Treatment Facility</a>	EPBC Referral	17 <sup>th</sup> February
<a href="#">Nominations under the EPBC Act</a>	Nominations	22 <sup>nd</sup> March

## NOTICES

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### 1. NEW REFERRALS

2011/5979	<a href="#">Port of Townsville Limited/Transport - water/Cleveland Bay approx 3km east of Townsville/QLD/Port of Townsville - Port Expansion Project</a>	Invitation for Public Comment on Assessment Process Notice: Draft EIS guidelines	Comments due: 02 Mar 2012
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Comments are invited on the scope and presentation of studies and information required in the Environmental Impact Statement for the assessment and decision on the proposed Port of Townsville expansion. A copy of the Draft Guidelines for the EIS are available via the link above.

### 2. NEW NOTICES

#### 2.1 Protected area management plans – round two

Draft management plans have been prepared based on previous public consultation for:

- [Draft Cairns Conservation Parks Management Plan](#)
  - Anderson Street Conservation Park
  - Kamerunga Conservation Park
  - Mount Whitfield Conservation Park
  - Smithfield Conservation Park

- [Draft Danbulla National Park Management Plan](#)

Submissions are invited by DERM on these drafts and **close 12<sup>th</sup> March**. The Queensland Government commit to considering all submissions when preparing the final management plans. Submissions can be made online at [www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au](http://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au), emailed to [parkplans@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:parkplans@derm.qld.gov.au) .

## 2.2 Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine reserve proposal

A Commonwealth marine reserve proposal for the Coral Sea region has been released for public comment for a period of 90 days. Anyone with an interest in this proposal is invited to make a submission

[Visit the government webpage](#) for full information including the proposal, associated documents and details of how to make a submissions. Further information and resources are available via the [Protect Our Coral Sea campaign website](#). **Submissions are due close 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

## 2.3 North West Queensland Regional Water Supply Strategy

DERM is seeking submissions on the draft strategy. The draft Strategy includes solutions to meet North West Queensland's urban, rural and industrial water needs over the next 50 years, and was developed in partnership with local governments and other stakeholders to achieve the best possible environmental, social and economic outcomes. Submissions can be made using the form available [on the website](#) and are **due 16<sup>th</sup> April**.

For further information or to order a CD contact Patrick Huber, Leader, Water Services DERM PO Box 156, Mareeba Q 4880, phone: 4048 4811 email: [NorthWestRWSS@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:NorthWestRWSS@derm.qld.gov.au).

## 2.4 Cape York World Heritage Nomination

The Queensland Government is committed to preparing a World Heritage nomination for suitable areas of Cape York Peninsula with the consent of Traditional Owners. The Government is encouraging the community to help identify cultural and natural heritage values, determine boundaries and management strategies for any proposed World Heritage areas.

Further information on the World Heritage criteria, suggested benefits

[http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/cape\\_york/index.html](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/cape_york/index.html) for the area, community involvement and access to a Contact and Feedback Form are available via the DERM website.

## 2.5 Threatened Species Nominations

The following State Partnership species are open for **comment until 19<sup>th</sup> September**.

- *Acriopsis javanica* (pale chandelier orchid) De-list
- *Huperzia squarrosa* (rock tassel-fern) De-list

Further information is available via the [Biodiversity page of DSEWPC website](#).

## 2.6 Packaging Impacts – Consultation Regulation Impact Statement

Coordinated by the Environment Protection and Heritage Council comments and feedback are invited on the Consultation RIS. This document does not indicate a preferred option and seeks feedback on the options, analysis and statement of the problem. The release of the Consultation RIS is seen as a key step in the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) process for considering appropriate action to address a problem, including national regulation to address concerns about packaging waste and litter.

North Queensland public forum - **Rydges Southbank Hotel, 23 Palmer St, Townsville - Tuesday, 14 February 2012, 9.00am-11.30am** RSVP email [waste.paper@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:waste.paper@derm.qld.gov.au)  
For further information visit [http://ephc.gov.au/product\\_stewardship/packaging\\_impacts](http://ephc.gov.au/product_stewardship/packaging_impacts) or to register at [productstewardship@environment.gov.au](mailto:productstewardship@environment.gov.au).

## NOTICES STILL OPEN

- **Protected area management planning – extended to 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, local governments, landholders, interested groups and members of the public are invited to make submissions suggesting how the listed protected areas should be managed. Parks included from Northern Queensland are *Crater Lakes, Curtain Fig, Girramay, Girrigun, Hasties Swamp, Homevale, Mount Hypipamee, Swains Reef, Topaz Road National Parks and Hallorans Hill, Herberton Range, Malanda Falls Conservation Parks*.  
All submissions will be considered when preparing the draft management plans. A further round of consultation will be conducted once the draft plans have been developed. [Access to the online survey is available via the get involved website. Or for more information on the DERM website.](#)
- [Whitsunday Regional Council/Waste management \(sewerage\)/1km north of Proserpine township/QLD/Proserpine Waste Water Treatment Facility upgrade – 17<sup>th</sup> February](#)  
Notification of Publication of Preliminary Documentation: Invitation to comment on this stage of the EPBC Referral.
- **Nominating a species, ecological community or key threatening process under the EPBC Act – 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Nominations are now invited from the Director of Species Listing for the assessment period starting 1 October 2012, for any species, ecological communities or key threatening processes to be considered for listing under national environment law. The Minister has established two conservation themes for this assessment period:
  - Corridors and connecting habitats (including freshwater habitats)
  - Nominations consistent with this conservation theme are encouraged, but nominations outside the theme will also be considered.[Further details ...](#)

Regards,

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