



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

**Notification of
REFERRAL DECISION AND DESIGNATED PROPONENT – controlled action
DECISION ON ASSESSMENT APPROACH**

Coal seam gas extraction around Roma, Queensland – EPBC No 2008/4059

This decision is made under Section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Proposed action

proposed action	To develop coal seam gas resources in the area around Roma, Emerald, Injune and Taroom in Queensland to supply feed gas for a proposed natural gas liquefaction and export park on Curtis Island near Gladstone, and as described in the referral received under the Act on 28 February 2008.
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Referral decision: Controlled action

status of proposed action	The proposed action is a controlled action. <i>The project will require assessment and approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 before it can proceed.</i>
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relevant controlling provisions	The project is likely to have a significant impact on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)• Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)
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designated proponent	Santos Ltd
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Decision on assessment approach

assessment approach	The project will be assessed under the bilateral agreement with the Queensland Government.
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Person authorised to make decision

Name and position	Ms Vicki Middleton Assistant Secretary Environment Assessment Branch
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Vicki Middleton

date of decision

31 March 2008
