




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

**Mio College vegetation clearing for high value agriculture, Barratta Road, Clare, north Queensland (EPBC 2017-7876)**

This decision is made under section 75 and section 87 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

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<b>proposed action</b>	To clear up to 532 hectares of native vegetation and construction of a 1500 megalitre dam for the development and operation of a sugarcane farm Clare, north Queensland, approximately 60 kilometres south east of Townsville. [See EPBC Act referral 2017/7876]
<b>decision on proposed action</b>	The proposed action is a controlled action. The project will require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.
<b>relevant controlling provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World Heritage properties (sections 12 &amp; 15A)</li><li>• National Heritage place (sections 15B &amp; 15C)</li><li>• Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 &amp; 18A)</li><li>• Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (sections 24B &amp; 24C)</li></ul>
<b>designated proponent</b>	Mio College Pty Ltd ACN: 162 567 035
<b>assessment approach</b>	The project will be assessed by preliminary documentation.
<b>Decision-maker</b>	
<b>Name and position</b>	James Barker Assistant Secretary Assessments and Sea Dumping Branch
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>date of decision</b>	21 March 2017

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