

6 PROCESS FOR ASSESSMENT OF CONTROLLED ACTIONS UNDER COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATION

6.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an update on the status of nine referrals for the Queensland Curtis LNG (QCLNG) Project submitted to the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) on 7 August 2008 in accordance with the requirements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

6.2 CONTROLLED ACTION STATUS

The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Assessment Report, which comprised *Volume 13* of the QCLNG draft EIS, addressed potential impacts to Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) from all nine referrals submitted for the Project. However, as noted in *Volume 13, Chapter 2*, the evolution of the Project means the following three referrals are no longer relevant:

- EPBC 2008/4400 – Curtis Island bridge
- EPBC 2008/4403 – Mainland road and bridge approach
- EPBC 2008/4404 – Curtis Island road

These referrals were therefore withdrawn on 31 July 2009.

The EPBC Assessment covering the six remaining referrals has been updated to address potential impacts to MNES from the subsequent development of the Project design and is attached in *Volume 13* of this supplementary EIS.

Following submission of the EPBC Assessment Report within the supplementary EIS, DEWHA will prepare a recommendation report to the minister, who will decide whether the Project is rejected, approved or approved with conditions.