# **POSITION SUMMARY**



# SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER (630)

Directorate	Environmental, Planning & Building Services
Section	Environment
Classification	Band 3, Level 3, Grade 9
Position Status	Permanent Full time
Commencing Salary Range	\$1,688.30 to \$1,773.77 per week + Leaseback vehicle
Reports to	Manager Environment
Direct Reports	Environmental Officers
Work Location	Civic Centre

## **Position Purpose**

To lead the environmental restoration, education and regulation on behalf of Council and the community

## **Key Responsibilities**

- Develop, implement and monitor environmental strategies, policies and programs relating to natural resource management, including:
  - implement recommendations of Council's strategic NRM plans (UWMP, BMP, PBMP and RVMP) as resourcing and funding allows
  - prepare conception and detailed contract specifications and documentation for identified NRM projects
  - supervise contractors/consultants to deliver projects as set, within set timeframes and budgets
- Oversee the implementation of Council's regulatory functions in environmental and contaminated land matters including:
  - operational oversight of regulatory matters under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
  - o make recommendations for the application of regulatory tools
  - o specialist advice in contaminated land matters
- Undertake environmental assessments of development applications for complex projects:

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- provide specialist advice to internal stakeholders for Council infrastructure projects
- prepare detailed assessments for assigned applications
- maintain an up-to-date knowledge of legislation and best practice affecting natural systems and processes
- identify and manage opportunities for Biodiversity stewardship sites on Council land
- Collate, analyse and report on environmental data for the local government area
- Mentor and supervise the Environmental team, including:
  - o monitor work output and assign tasks to ensure timely completion of tasks
  - o provide timely performance feedback to all members of the team
  - o ensure consistent standards of customer service are maintained
  - o motivate the team and lead by example

#### **Selection Criteria**

- Bachelor Degree in Environmental Science or Natural Resource Management
- A minimum of five year's experience in environmental regulation or a related field
- Demonstrated capacity to prepare warning letters, notices, orders and Penalty Infringement Notices under various Acts
- Demonstrated experience in environmental assessments of development applications, review of Environmental Impact Statements and Review of Environmental Factors.
- Ability and experience in the mentoring and supervision of staff
- Advanced written and verbal communication and customer service skills
- Advanced negotiation and conflict resolution skills
- Advanced project management skills and the ability to manage competing projects and priorities
- Organised and committed to continuously improving systems, procedures and policies
- Solid working knowledge of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and associated regulations
- Demonstrated experience in providing timely and technically sound advice to staff, business and the community in biodiversity and environmental compliance matters
- Intermediate user of MS Word, Excel and online HR systems.
- Class C NSW Drivers Licence

#### **Desirable**

- Extensive experience in Local Government
- Experience in the investigation of breaches of legislation including the collection of evidence and preparation of briefs of evidence
- Ability to gain accreditation as a Biodiversity Assessment Officer within 24 months of commencement

# **Expected Organisational Standards**

- Follow defined WHS procedures
- Provide service to customers
- Work effectively in the local government context
- Work with others in local government

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- Communicate in the Workplace
- Follow defined risk management policies and procedures
- Follow defined ethical guidelines from Council, including Code of Conduct
- Follow defined environmental sustainability guidelines.

## **Employment Conditions**

- 35 hour week with RDO every third week
- Hours of work are 8:30am to 4:45pm Monday to Friday
- Probationary period of 3 months
- Four weeks annual leave
- Long Service Leave after 5 years
- Superannuation of 10.5% paid by Council
- Medical including audio and drug & alcohol testing required as part of the selection process.

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