Role Description

**Senior Project Officer**

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| **Cluster** | Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water |
| **Department/Agency** | Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water |
| **Division/Branch/Unit** | Biodiversity, Conservation and Science/ Conservation Policy and Programs, Water/ Environment |
| **Role number** | TBA |
| **Classification/Grade/Band** | Environment Officer Class 10 |
| **ANZSCO Code** | 511112 |
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*Ensuring a sustainable NSW through climate change and energy action, water management, environment and heritage conservation and protection.*

Who we are

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) works to protect the state’s environment and heritage. It leads the way on climate change, driving the sustainable transition to a net zero economy, powered by affordable, reliable, and clean energy.

DCCEEW conserves and protects the state’s natural environment. It manages the NSW national park estate, including its rich and diverse biodiversity and Aboriginal cultural heritage for future generations.

DCCEEW also ensures sustainable management of water resources across the state, to support the environment, communities and industry.

We acknowledge the ongoing custodial responsibilities of the Aboriginal peoples of NSW to care for Country and water and are committed to establishing meaningful partnerships with Aboriginal peoples in the management of the environment.

Primary purpose of the role

The Senior Project Officer manages and coordinates the development, implementation and evaluation of complex projects to achieve project outcomes and support the achievement of organisational objectives.

Key accountabilities

* Manage and oversee all aspects of project planning, development and implementation for a range of projects, including developing project plans, coordinating resources, managing budgets, meeting reporting requirements, and supporting project-related activities, to ensure project outcomes are achieved on time, on budget, to quality standards and within agreed scope in line with established agency project management methodology
* Establish and maintain stakeholder relationships through effective communication, negotiation and issues management to engage stakeholders and ensure project deliverables are met
* Monitor and evaluate all aspects of project implementation, including risk and contingency management, benefits realisation, project impact and quality measures, to identify and address issues, assess project progress and effectiveness, and achieve project outcomes
* Manage a project team/s, ensuring compliance with governance and quality requirements, to successfully deliver all key project/s milestones and outcomes
* Undertake research and formulate recommendations to support evidence-based project planning and decision making
* Provide advice and information to stakeholders on emerging project issues and to support project development and delivery in line with established plans, budgets, timeframes, policy objectives and other project and priorities.

Key challenges

* Managing consultations and negotiations with diverse stakeholders, within agreed timelines, given their varying expectations, viewpoints and interests
* Achieving project deadlines and milestones to the required standards and within budget, given the need to simultaneously coordinate and deliver multiple projects which are often complex and interconnected.

Key relationships

| Who | Why |
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| **Internal** |  |
| Manager | * Receive guidance and provide regular updates on key projects, issues and priorities * Provide advice and contribute to decision making * Identify emerging issues/risks and their implications and propose solutions. |
| Project Team | * Guide, support, coach and mentor team members * Work collaboratively to contribute to achieving team outcomes. |
| Direct Reports | * Guide and manage performance and development. |
| Stakeholders | * Provide expert advice on project related issues * Report and provide updates on project progress * Consult and collaborate to resolve project related issues, define mutual interests and determine strategies to achieve their realisation. |
| **External** |  |
| Stakeholders | * Provide expert advice on project related matters * Report and provide updates on project progress * Engage and consult in the resolution of project issues. |
| Vendors/Service Providers and Consultants | * Manage contracts and monitor provision of service to ensure compliance with contract and service arrangements * Consult, provide and obtain information, negotiate required outcomes and timeframes * Resolve and provide solutions to issues. |

# Role dimensions

## Decision making

Operates as part of a geographically dispersed team within agreed guidelines and with regular guidance on priorities provided by the Manager. Submits reports, briefing notes and recommendations in final form for approval by the Manager.

## Reporting line

The role will report to the Senior Team Leader, Manager or other allocated Supervisor.

## Direct reports

Contractors, Senior Project Officers, and Project Officers if applicable.

## Budget/Expenditure

Nil

## Capabilities for the role

The [NSW public sector capability framework](https://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/workforce-management/capability-framework/the-capability-framework) describes the capabilities (knowledge, skills and abilities) needed to perform a role. There are four main groups of capabilities: personal attributes, relationships, results and business enablers, with a fifth people management group of capabilities for roles with managerial responsibilities. These groups, combined with capabilities drawn from occupation-specific capability sets where relevant, work together to provide an understanding of the capabilities needed for the role.

The capabilities are separated into focus capabilities and complementary capabilities

## Focus capabilities

*Focus capabilities* are the capabilities considered the most important for effective performance of the role. These capabilities will be assessed at recruitment.

The focus capabilities for this role are shown below with a brief explanation of what each capability covers and the indicators describing the types of behaviours expected at each level.

## Focus capabilities

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| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** | **Behavioural indicators** | **Level** |
| personal-attributes | **Display Resilience and Courage**  Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change | Be flexible, show initiative and respond quickly when situations change  Give frank and honest feedback and advice  Listen when ideas are challenged, seek to understand the nature of the comment and respond appropriately  Raise and work through challenging issues and seek alternatives  Remain composed and calm under pressure and in challenging situations | Adept |
| relationships | **Communicate Effectively**  Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect | Tailor communication to diverse audiences  Clearly explain complex concepts and arguments to individuals and groups  Create opportunities for others to be heard, listen attentively and encourage them to express their views  Share information across teams and units to enable informed decision making  Write fluently in plain English and in a range of styles and formats  Use contemporary communication channels to share information, engage and interact with diverse audiences | Adept |
| relationships | **Influence and Negotiate**  Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts | Negotiate from an informed and credible position  Lead and facilitate productive discussions with staff and stakeholders  Encourage others to talk, share and debate ideas to achieve a consensus  Recognise diverse perspectives and the need for compromise in negotiating mutually agreed outcomes  Influence others with a fair and considered approach and sound arguments  Show sensitivity and understanding in resolving conflicts and differences  Manage challenging relationships with internal and external stakeholders  Anticipate and minimise conflict | Adept |
| results | **Deliver Results**  Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes | Use own and others’ expertise to achieve outcomes, and take responsibility for delivering intended outcomes  Make sure staff understand expected goals and acknowledge staff success in achieving these  Identify resource needs and ensure goals are achieved within set budgets and deadlines  Use business data to evaluate outcomes and inform continuous improvement  Identify priorities that need to change and ensure the allocation of resources meets new business needs  Ensure that the financial implications of changed priorities are explicit and budgeted for | Adept |
| results | **Think and Solve Problems**  Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions | Research and apply critical-thinking techniques in analysing information, identify interrelationships and make recommendations based on relevant evidence  Anticipate, identify and address issues and potential problems that may have an impact on organisational objectives and the user experience  Apply creative-thinking techniques to generate new ideas and options to address issues and improve the user experience  Seek contributions and ideas from people with diverse backgrounds and experience  Participate in and contribute to team or unit initiatives to resolve common issues or barriers to effectiveness  Identify and share business process improvements to enhance effectiveness | Adept |
| business-enablers | **Project Management**  Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods | Prepare and review project scope and business cases for projects with multiple interdependencies  Access key subject-matter experts’ knowledge to inform project plans and directions  Design and implement effective stakeholder engagement and communications strategies for all project stages  Monitor project completion and implement effective and rigorous project evaluation methodologies to inform future planning  Develop effective strategies to remedy variances from project plans and minimise impact  Manage transitions between project stages and ensure that changes are consistent with organisational goals  Participate in governance processes such as project steering groups | Advanced |
| people-management | **Manage and Develop People**  Engage and motivate staff, and develop capability and potential in others | Collaborate to set clear performance standards and deadlines in line with established performance development frameworks  Look for ways to develop team capability and recognise and develop individual potential  Be constructive and build on strengths by giving timely and actionable feedback  Identify and act on opportunities to provide coaching and mentoring  Recognise performance issues that need to be addressed and work towards resolving issues  Effectively support and manage team members who are working flexibly and in various locations  Create a safe environment where team members’ diverse backgrounds and cultures are considered and respected  Consider feedback on own management style and reflect on potential areas to improve | Intermediate |

## Complementary capabilities

*Complementary capabilities* are also identified from the Capability Framework and relevant occupation-specific capability sets. They are important to identifying performance required for the role and development opportunities.

Note: capabilities listed as ‘not essential’ for this role are not relevant for recruitment purposes however may be relevant for future career development.

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| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** | **Description** | **Level** |
| personal-attributes | Act with Integrity | Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values | Intermediate |
| personal-attributes | Manage Self | Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning | Adept |
| personal-attributes | Value Diversity and Inclusion | Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives | Intermediate |
| relationships | Commit to Customer Service | Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives | Adept |
| relationships | Work Collaboratively | Collaborate with others and value their contribution | Adept |
| results | Plan and Prioritise | Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances | Intermediate |
| results | Demonstrate Accountability | Be proactive and responsible for own actions, and adhere to legislation, policy and guidelines | Intermediate |
| business-enablers | Finance | Understand and apply financial processes to achieve value for money and minimise financial risk | Intermediate |
| business-enablers | Technology | Understand and use available technologies to maximise efficiencies and effectiveness | Intermediate |
| business-enablers | Procurement and Contract Management | Understand and apply procurement processes to ensure effective purchasing and contract performance | Intermediate |
| people-management | Inspire Direction and Purpose | Communicate goals, priorities and vision, and recognise achievements | Intermediate |
| people-management | Optimise Business Outcomes | Manage people and resources effectively to achieve public value | Intermediate |
| people-management | Manage Reform and Change | Support, promote and champion change, and assist others to engage with change | Intermediate |