

# POSITION DESCRIPTION

**1. POSITION DETAILS**

<b>Position Title</b>	Catchment and Asset Protection Adviser
<b>Business or Service Unit</b>	Water and Catchment Protection
<b>Position Manager</b>	Catchment Protection Planning Manager
<b>Position Location</b>	Parramatta

**2. POSITION PURPOSE**

To develop and promote current recommended practices, to ensure assessment tools and procedures are current and available, to assess applications for external development impacting operational land and water supply infrastructure in a robust and timely manner, and to put safety first.

**3. KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES**

- 1) Ensure all activities are undertaken with the safety of people as the number one priority and at all times role model safe behaviour.
- 2) Develop, keep up to date and promote current recommended practices and standards to help achieve development outcomes that are consistent with water quality protection principles.
- 3) Develop, keep up to date and promote WaterNSW’s catchment protection tools and procedures.
- 4) Coordinate, liaise and negotiate with local government, state government and proponents and their consultants regarding the assessment of external development proposals, including State significant development, adjacent to or directly impacting WaterNSW’s operational land and water supply infrastructure so as to influence decisions in the best interests of WaterNSW.
- 5) Manage the review and development of new CRPs and performance standards for application in the Sydney drinking water catchment to help achieve development outcomes consistent with water quality protection principles – including consulting with other teams and Business Units and external stakeholders.
- 6) Lead the development and implementation of strategic assessment tools and guidelines to influence future development in a manner that protects environmental values.
- 7) Coordinate the review of the assessment of applications involving all relevant Business Units for development including State significant development and infrastructure impacting on WaterNSW operational land, assets and water supply infrastructure.

- 8) Coordinate, liaise and provide timely and accurate environmental planning advice to WaterNSW staff, local government and agencies including recommending appropriate conditions and environmental management standards that should apply to external development impacting on WaterNSW operational land, assets and water supply infrastructure.
- 9) Coordinate and liaise with proponents and their consultants regarding proposed development including State significant development and infrastructure impacting on WaterNSW operational land, assets and water supply infrastructure.

**4. SIGNIFICANT EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR WHICH THIS POSITION IS THE PRIMARY CONTACT**

- Local Government planning and assessment staff
- State Government planning and assessment staff
- Proponents and their consultants

**5. AUTHORITY LIMITS**

- As per *Standing Delegations* instrument from time to time.

**6. MANDATORY KNOWLEDGE AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Degree in environmental management / engineering / planning, natural resource management or related discipline.
- Extensive knowledge of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as it relates to the assessment of development applications, infrastructure projects and activities, and other relevant statutory instruments and guidelines.
- Knowledge of water quality mitigation measures and processes.
- Current drivers licence.

**7. MANDATORY EXPERIENCE**

- Demonstrated extensive experience in environmental planning or environmental management.
- Demonstrated experience in water quality impact assessment and management.
- High level interpersonal communications skills and demonstrated ability to liaise and negotiate with a range of internal and external stakeholders at various levels.

**8. EXPERIENCE THAT WILL BE VIEWED FAVOURABLY BUT IS NOT MANDATORY**

- Experience in developing planning, assessment and best practice guidelines.
- Experience analysing and successfully managing inputs from a range of specialists to address complex environmental and technical issues. .
- Knowledge of environmental impacts and mitigation practices in relation to water supply infrastructure.

## **9. KEY CHALLENGES**

- Operating in the rapidly changing planning legislative environment.
- Influencing the decisions of regulators on proposals that have the potential to impact WaterNSW operational land and water supply infrastructure.
- Keeping abreast of the best practice of water quality management for projects, developments and activities.
- Negotiating with regulators, external project managers, consultants and contractors on conditions for complex and/or contentious developments adjacent to or directly impacting on WaterNSW infrastructure and land.