

Role Description

Team Leader Invasive Species and Plant Health

Portfolio	Primary Industries and Regional Development
Agency	Local Land Services
Division/Branch	Delivery
Location	Various
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Agency overview

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is the department dedicated to growing primary industries and supporting regional economic development to deliver long term benefits to the state. Our focus is to protect, support and develop our primary industries, mining sector, and regions.

DPIRD brings together Agriculture and Biosecurity; Fisheries and Forestry; Local Land Services; NSW Resources; Regional Development and Delivery; the Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation; NSW Public Works and Soil Conservation Service.

We have nearly 5,000 employees, with almost 80 per cent of us living and working in regional NSW.

Local Land Services (LLS) is an Executive Agency related to the Department. It provides quality, customer-focused services to landholders and the community across New South Wales. This regionally based organisation brings together a wide range of service and advisory functions including agriculture, biosecurity, natural resource management, land management, biodiversity, emergency services and private native forestry.

Primary purpose of the role

The role leads and coordinates the Plant Biosecurity and Invasive Species team delivering statutory functions for Local Land Services.

Key accountabilities

- Lead and coordinate LLS invasive species and plant biosecurity strategies to ensure the NSW Government Biosecurity objectives are prioritized
- Lead strategic project and program budgets and resources, develop work plans and implement across multi-disciplinary teams to ensure work undertaken meets priorities and standards
- Implement state and national plant biosecurity and invasive species programs (NSW Biosecurity Strategy and Invasive Species Plan and related) at a regional and local level
- Develop and implement plant biosecurity and invasive species surveillance activities to ensure rapid identification of new and emerging biosecurity threats

- Research, analyse and prepare written materials on specific issues including discussion papers, reports, briefing notes and media releases and articles
- Coordinate and lead the effective deployment of skilled and experienced staff to ensure adequate resources are available to respond to biosecurity and emergency responses
- Lead a wide range of invasive species and plant biosecurity compliance and enforcement programs to ensure legislative obligations and commitments are met

Key challenges

- Implementing innovative and strategic policies and procedures to deal with new and emerging animal biosecurity and welfare issues given the fluid nature of industry and community expectations and coordinating activities during emergency management responses in a stressful and rapidly changing environment
- Engaging with and maintaining involvement and cooperation across a broad range of internal and external stakeholders and maintaining alignment between LLS activities and the Government's broader policies affecting NSW primary industries given that the Government's agenda may conflict with industry priorities
- Balancing position requirements in an environment which is technically complex, often unpredictable and fast moving and where immediate requirements can take precedence over strategic planning and keeping up to date with professional, technological and environmental developments to ensure the delivery of the most timely, low risk and effective programs and responses

Key relationships

Who	Why
Internal	
Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice and support in the development and implementation of projects and activities to deal with plant biosecurity and invasive species activities and biosecurity and emergency responses
Other team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver information and advice to address animal biosecurity and invasive species issues
External	
Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information and direction in responding to threats and emergencies that impact on communities at a regional and local level

Role dimensions

Decision making

Together with the supervisor they are responsible for making daily decisions in order to meet the requirements of the role.

Reporting line

Manager Biosecurity and Emergency Services

Direct reports

Senior Biosecurity Officer
Biosecurity Officer
Biosecurity Support Officer

Budget/Expenditure

Nil

Essential requirements

- Tertiary qualifications in a discipline relevant to the primary industries portfolio and/or equivalent experience in leadership and management of services to primary industries, emergency management sector
- Current NSW Driver License and the ability and willingness to travel

Capabilities for the role

The [NSW public sector 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

Capability group/sets	Capability name	Behavioural indicators	Level
 Personal Attributes	Act with Integrity Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent the organisation in an honest, ethical and professional way and encourage others to do so • Act professionally and support a culture of integrity • Identify and explain ethical issues and set an example for others to follow • Ensure that others are aware of and understand the legislation and policy framework within which they operate • Act to prevent and report misconduct and illegal and inappropriate behaviour 	Adept
	Commit to Customer Service Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote a customer-focused culture in the organisation and consider new ways of working to improve customer experience • Ensure systems are in place to capture customer service insights to improve services • Initiate and develop partnerships with customers to define and evaluate service performance outcomes • Promote and manage alliances within the organisation and across the public, private and community sectors • Liaise with senior stakeholders on key issues and provide expert and influential advice • Identify and incorporate the interests and needs of customers in business process design and encourage new ideas and innovative approaches • Ensure that the organisation's systems, processes, policies and programs respond to customer needs 	Advanced
	Work Collaboratively Collaborate with others and value their contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a supportive and cooperative team environment • Share information and learning across teams • Acknowledge outcomes that were achieved by effective collaboration • Engage other teams and units to share information and jointly solve issues and problems • Support others in challenging situations • Use collaboration tools, including digital technologies, to work with others 	Intermediate

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Capability group/sets	Capability name	Behavioural indicators	Level
 Results	Deliver Results Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek and apply the expertise of key individuals to achieve organisational outcomes • Drive a culture of achievement and acknowledge input from others • Determine how outcomes will be measured and guide others on evaluation methods • Investigate and create opportunities to enhance the achievement of organisational objectives • Make sure others understand that on-time and on-budget results are required and how overall success is defined • Control business unit output to ensure government outcomes are achieved within budgets • Progress organisational priorities and ensure that resources are acquired and used effectively 	Advanced
	Demonstrate Accountability Be proactive and responsible for own actions, and adhere to legislation, policy and guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess work outcomes and identify and share learnings to inform future actions • Ensure that own actions and those of others are focused on achieving organisational outcomes • Exercise delegations responsibly • Understand and apply high standards of financial probity with public monies and other resources • Identify and implement safe work practices, taking a systematic risk management approach to ensure own and others' health and safety • Conduct and report on quality control audits • Identify risks to successfully achieving goals, and take appropriate steps to mitigate those risks 	Adept
 Business Enablers	Project Management Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand all components of the project management process, including the need to consider change management to realise business benefits • Prepare clear project proposals and accurate estimates of required costs and resources • Establish performance outcomes and measures for key project goals, and define monitoring, reporting and communication requirements • Identify and evaluate risks associated with the project and develop mitigation strategies • Identify and consult stakeholders to inform the project strategy • Communicate the project's objectives and its expected benefits • Monitor the completion of project milestones against goals and take necessary action • Evaluate progress and identify improvements to inform future projects 	Adept

FOCUS CAPABILITIES






Capability group/sets	Capability name	Behavioural indicators	Level
	Manage and Develop People Engage and motivate staff, and develop capability and potential in others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define and clearly communicate roles, responsibilities and performance standards to achieve team outcomes Adjust performance development processes to meet the diverse abilities and needs of individuals and teams Develop work plans that consider capability, strengths and opportunities for development Be aware of the influences of bias when managing team members Seek feedback on own management capabilities and develop strategies to address any gaps Address and resolve team and individual performance issues, including unsatisfactory performance, in a timely and effective way Monitor and report on team performance in line with established performance development frameworks 	Adept
	Inspire Direction and Purpose Communicate goals, priorities and vision, and recognise achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote a sense of purpose, and help the team to understand the strategic direction of the organisation and the needs of customers and stakeholders Translate broad organisational strategy and goals into tangible team goals and explain the links for the team Ensure that team objectives and outcomes lead to the implementation of government priorities and create value for customers and stakeholders Work to remove barriers to achieving goals 	Adept

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.

COMPLEMENTARY CAPABILITIES

Capability group/sets	Capability name	Description	Level
 Personal Attributes	Display Resilience and Courage	Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change	Adept
	Manage Self	Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning	Intermediate
	Value Diversity and Inclusion	Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives	Intermediate
 Relationships	Communicate Effectively	Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect	Adept
	Influence and Negotiate	Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts	Adept
 Results	Plan and Prioritise	Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances	Intermediate
	Think and Solve Problems	Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions	Adept
 Business Enablers	Finance	Understand and apply financial processes to achieve value for money and minimise financial risk	Intermediate
	Technology	Understand and use available technologies to maximise efficiencies and effectiveness	Intermediate
	Procurement and Contract Management	Understand and apply procurement processes to ensure effective purchasing and contract performance	Adept
 People Management	Optimise Business Outcomes	Manage people and resources effectively to achieve public value	Intermediate
	Manage Reform and Change	Support, promote and champion change, and assist others to engage with change	Intermediate