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| **Portfolio** | Primary Industries & Regional Development |
| **Department/Agency** | Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development |
| **Group/Division/Branch** | NSW Resources |
| **Location** | Regional NSW |
| **Classification/Grade/Band** | Clerk Grade 7/8 |
| **Role Family** | Standard / Project and Programs / Delivery |
| **ANZSCO Code** | 511112 |
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| **Date of Approval** | October 2023 (updated March 2025) |
| **Agency Website** | www.dpird.nsw.gov.au |

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; Biosecurity; Forestry and Fishing; 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.

NSW Resources sets strategic policy for the state’s mineral and energy resources, gathers, analyses and disseminates geoscientific information, and assesses and determines applications for mineral and petroleum titles for exploration activities and extractive uses. NSW Resources is committed to delivering strong and quality outcomes, with the vision of our minerals and petroleum resources generating prosperity for the people of NSW.

Primary purpose of the role

The Project Officer performs project management and support activities to contribute to the development and delivery of a range of projects in line with established objectives.

Key accountabilities

* Provide a range of project management and support services, including preparation of reports and briefs, coordinating resources, maintaining project documentation and implementing and monitoring project plans, 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
* Prepare and maintain project documentation for reporting, monitoring and evaluation purposes to ensure accessibility of quality information and contribute to the achievement of project outcomes
* Communicate with key stakeholders and coordinate working groups, committees and consultations to facilitate exchange of information and support project completion in line with project plans
* Source, collate and compile data and information to identify emerging issues and track and report on project progress against established milestones and deliverables
* Undertake research and analysis, identifying trends and preparing project briefs, to support informed decision-making and planning.

Key challenges

* Delivering a range of project management and support services, given tight deadlines, limited resources and the need to manage competing priorities.

Key relationships

| Who | Why |
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| **Internal** |  |
| Manager | * Provide advice and contribute to decision making regarding projects and issues * Escalate issues and propose solutions * Receive guidance and provide regular updates on projects, issues and priorities * Report on project performance. |
| Project Team | * Guide, support, coach and mentor team members * Support team members and work collaboratively to contribute to achieving team outcomes. |
| Director | * Receive overall direction on the strategy and agency priorities. |
| Stakeholders | * Develop and maintain effective relationships and open channels of communication * Exchange information and respond to enquiries. |
| **External** |  |
| Stakeholders | * Develop and maintain effective relationships and open channels of communication * Exchange information and respond to enquiries. |

# Role dimensions

## Decision making

The Project Officer:

* Sets own priorities to achieve deadlines and makes day to day decisions in relation to work functions and projects and seeks clarification from the Manager as applicable.
* Makes independent decisions to redirect enquiries to appropriate staff or bring matters to the attention of the Manager and other team members.
* Undertakes research independently and requests data and information from other staff for reports and briefs.
* Consults with the Manager and other staff to manage tight or conflicting deadlines.

## Reporting line

Manager

## Direct reports

Nil

## Budget/Expenditure

Nil

# Essential requirements

# Current valid Driver’s Licence and willingness to travel within NSW

# Compliance with pre-employment probity screening is mandatory and a condition of engagement.

## 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 | **Manage Self**  Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning | Keep up to date with relevant contemporary knowledge and practices  Look for and take advantage of opportunities to learn new skills and develop strengths  Show commitment to achieving challenging goals  Examine and reflect on own performance  Seek and respond positively to constructive feedback and guidance  Demonstrate and maintain a high level of personal motivation | 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 | **Work Collaboratively**  Collaborate with others and value their contribution | 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 |
| 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 | **Demonstrate Accountability**  Be proactive and responsible for own actions, and adhere to legislation, policy and guidelines | Be proactive in taking responsibility and being accountable for own actions  Understand delegations and act within authority levels  Identify and follow safe work practices, and be vigilant about own and others’ application of these practices  Be aware of risks and act on or escalate risks, as appropriate  Use financial and other resources responsibly | Intermediate |
| business-enablers | **Project Management**  Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods | 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 |

## 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 | Display Resilience and Courage | Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change | Intermediate |
| personal-attributes | Act with Integrity | Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values | Intermediate |
| personal-attributes | Value Diversity and Inclusion | Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives | Foundational |
| relationships | Commit to Customer Service | Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives | Intermediate |
| relationships | Influence and Negotiate | Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts | Intermediate |
| results | Plan and Prioritise | Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances | Intermediate |
| results | 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 | Foundational |
| 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 | Foundational |