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# Project Officer

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| **Cluster** | Primary Industries and Regional Development |
| **Department/Agency** | Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development |
| **Division/Branch/Unit** | NSW Resources/SPID/Future Jobs and Investment Authority |
| **Role number** | Various |
| **Classification/Grade/Band** | Clerk Grade 7/8 |
| **Senior executive work level standards** | Not Applicable |
| **ANZSCO Code** | 599599 |
| **PCAT Code** | 1119192 |
| **Date of Approval** | 14 July 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 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.

NSW Resources is responsible for supporting and growing safe and sustainable exploration and mining in NSW. NSW Resources sets the strategic policy for the state’s mineral and petroleum resources, assesses and determines applications for mineral and petroleum titles for exploration activities and extractive uses, provides high-quality geoscientific information to support decision making and investment, and regulates work health and safety and mine rehabilitation to ensure safe and environmentally sustainable mining.

## Primary purpose of the role

The role of Project Officer provides a wide range of high-level project management, administrative and research activities to facilitate achievement of the Government’s objective of successfully transitioning coal-reliant communities.

## 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 that project outcomes are achieved on time, on budget, to quality standards and within scope.
* 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, and support effective decision making.
* Identify and interpret relevant statutory provisions and prepare clear procedures for staff to provide clarity in the performance of their role.
* Undertake the evaluation of operational policy and procedures to assess appropriateness, effectiveness and efficiency, and to determine the need for corrective action and review.
* Undertake research, evaluation and analysis to support broader team initiatives that facilitate the economic transition of coal-reliant regions.
* Communicate with key stakeholders and coordinate working groups, committees and consultations to facilitate exchange of information to support policy and legislative requirements for the delivery of divisional activities.

## Key challenges

* Delivering a range of project management and support services, given tight deadlines, limited resources and the need to manage competing priorities.
* Ensuring the availability of clear policies and procedures that will support staff to undertake their duties.

## Key relationships

**Internal**

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| Who | Why |
| Manager Governance | * Receive overall direction and priorities * 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 * Assist in providing expert briefings on new and emerging issues, and to report on project performance |
| Team Members | * Support team members and work collaboratively to contribute to achieving team outcomes * Ensure an integrated organisational approach to the development of policies and procedures to reflect best practice and current Departmental policy, Government priorities and State Plan targets |
| Other Staff | * Develop and maintain effective relationships and open channels of communication * Exchange information and respond to enquiries |

**External**

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| Who | Why |
| State and Commonwealth agencies and stakeholders | * Develop and maintain effective working relationships and open channels of communication * Exchange information and respond to enquiries |

## Role dimensions

### Decision making

This role

Has autonomy to manage tasks and projects, and co-ordinates the program/project either individually or participates within teams, and manages individual priorities and performance

Exercises discretion in the approach and content of information, advice and recommendations provided, and consults with the Manager regarding issues or sensitivities

### Reporting line

Manager Governance

### Direct reports

N/A

### Budget/Expenditure

N/A

## 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 | **Act with Integrity**  Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values | Represent the organisation in an honest, ethical and professional way  Support a culture of integrity and professionalism  Understand and help others to recognise their obligations to comply with legislation, policies, guidelines and codes of conduct  Recognise and report misconduct and illegal and inappropriate behaviour  Report and manage apparent conflicts of interest and encourage others to do so | Intermediate |
| 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 | **Commit to Customer Service**  Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives | Focus on providing a positive customer experience  Support a customer-focused culture in the organisation  Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the services provided and relay this knowledge to customers  Identify and respond quickly to customer needs  Consider customer service requirements and develop solutions to meet needs  Resolve complex customer issues and needs  Cooperate across work areas to improve outcomes for customers | Intermediate |
| 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 | Seek and apply specialist advice when required  Complete work tasks within set budgets, timeframes and standards  Take the initiative to progress and deliver own work and that of the team or unit  Contribute to allocating responsibilities and resources to ensure the team or unit achieves goals  Identify any barriers to achieving results and resolve these where possible  Proactively change or adjust plans when needed | Intermediate |
| 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 | Value Diversity and Inclusion | Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives | Foundational |
| relationships | Communicate Effectively | Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect | Adept |
| 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 |