

Executive Officer -Water Industry

Our Client

Our client is the peak industry group for irrigated agriculture in the Peel, Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi Valleys in the North West of NSW. It is a non-profit, non-political organisation supporting members to achieve a sustainable irrigation industry that meets the environmental, economic and social needs of our local communities. It is an amalgamation of a range of water user groups including groundwater, regulated, unregulated and town water. The organisation seeks to preserve the rights of water users and to ensure that all water users have access to good quality water that is managed, allocated and used sustainably. They are now seeking to appoint a new Executive Officer to continue the excellent work of the incumbent who is making a planned career change.

Role

The Executive Officer position is a permanent full-time role based in the Namoi Valley. The successful candidate will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organisation ensuring the objectives of the Board are achieved. The role will involve significant interaction with members and key stakeholders, including State and Federal Governments at all levels. It requires a strong understanding of water policy and the impacts of water reform measures. In addition, the role will require a close working relationship with the Board and will be expected to provide strong strategic advice on all matters of water policy.

Responsibilities

- Effectively run the business of managing the financial aspects of the business
- Ensure the maintenance of appropriate standards, promptness and efficiency in the correspondence and communication with stakeholders
- Ensure effective maintenance and currency of the membership database records
- Monitor developments and changes to water policy effecting irrigator's interests
- Develop and present high level strategic advice to the Board
- Prepare and submit high level submissions representing the interests of members
- Maintain effective communication and relationships with the membership base by preparing a quarterly newsletter and through other channels
- Work to establish strong working relationships with relevant individuals including politicians, executive officers from other regions and departmental staff
- Work constructively with the executive assistant, delegating tasks where appropriate and ensuring that staff and contractors work efficiently together

Requirements

The successful candidate will possess exceptional written and verbal communication skills, the ability to think strategically and solid financial and project management experience. They will be able to demonstrate the ability to run the organisation effectively with a good work ethic. Prior advocacy experience dealing with government is desirable but water policy experience is



preferred but is not essential. However, experience or background in agriculture and/or agribusiness is essential. Support will be provided in water policy issues as the successful candidate acquires knowledge in this key area if necessary.

Remuneration & Location

An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful applicant which will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The role requires the use of your own car which will be reimbursed for travel expenses. Ideally the role should be located in or around Narrabri in New South Wales, but other northern NSW areas such as Tamworth, Moree or Taree are also possible.

To Apply

Please apply online, or contact Dr. Ray Johnson, Senior Agribusiness Consultant & Managing Director, by phone (+61419012841) or email (ray@agri.com.au) for a confidential discussion on the role if required.

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