

NORTHERN TERRITORY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC. Advancing and protecting the interests of cattle producers in the Northern Territory

Member-National Farmers' Federation & Cattle Council of Australia

NTCA Industry Liaison Officer Position

Based in Darwin, NT

Reporting to the Project Manager, you will be expected to provide on-the-ground assistance to producers affected by oil and gas operations and liaise with industry bodies and groups and resource businesses to determine the level of understanding of Land Access under the Petroleum Act 1984.

You will be a strong communicator and enabler with a demonstrated knowledge of oil and gas operations and land access agreements within the agribusiness sector, with a high level of understanding of NT primary industries and Indigenous culture.

About the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association

The Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) is the peak body for the NT cattle industry, providing leadership at the Territory, national and international level on industry, trade, resource management, and economic and social policy.

Representing over 90 per cent of the Territory industry the NTCA maintains a unique position as Australia's most representative producer body and single conduit for engagement.

The NTCA has been a leader in driving positive change while also defending the position and integrity of the cattle sector, its producers and connected supply chains operating into domestic and international markets.

As the predominant primary industry sector, the cattle industry underpins the economic, social and environmental foundations of the NT and Northern Australia. The NTCA has taken a pro-active approach on environmental policy around renewable energy, sustainable development and social responsibility connected to the reengagement of Indigenous land and people in the modern beef industry.

The NTCA provides policy leadership across the primary industry sector including pastoral land conservation, market development and trade, regional development, Indigenous employment and international engagement.

In representing the interests of members, the NTCA is critically interested in the policy position of the government, opposition and independents on a range of important issues.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Liaise with primary producers, industry bodies and groups and resource businesses to determine the level of understanding of Land Access under the Petroleum Act 1984
- Provide on-the-ground assistance to producers affected by oil and gas operations
- Engage with Government regarding oil and gas development, monitoring and compliance activities
- Report regularly to the NTCA Board and Membership on the progression and status of oil and gas activities in the NT
- Ensure high level policy settings are appropriately developed and implemented (i.e., Pepper inquiry recommendations and ongoing monitoring and support)
- Develop and deliver targeted information to address identified gaps in knowledge and areas of concern arising from increased resource sector activity; biosecurity, environmental and changing regulation
- Provide advice to primary producers, industry bodies and groups and resource businesses on changes to legislation that impact the pastoral sector
- Extend information to primary producers during government review of Petroleum Act, guidelines, codes of practice, procedures or standards affecting the pastoral estate. Capture advice and recommendation of primary producers, industry bodies and groups and facilitate the provision of this information to the relevant consultation process
- Assist primary producers to access information and specialised expertise required to negotiate and document a fair and robust Land Access Agreement when required by petroleum sector

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SELECTION CRITERIA

All applicants are required to respond to the selection criteria.

Essential

- Demonstrated knowledge of Land Access under the Petroleum Act 1984 guidelines, codes of practice, procedures or standards. This includes skills in interpreting legal documentation with the ability to provide detailed advice on resource sector activity, biosecurity, environmental and changing regulation.
- Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively and collaboratively across government, resource sectors and industry.
- Demonstrated ability to develop strong working relationships with government, stakeholders and key agencies showing a high level of understanding and regard to differing backgrounds, culture and regional issues; providing flexible and responsive services.
- High level written and oral communication skills, including presentation and negotiation skills to suit a wide range of audiences, together with a strong ability in research, analysis and report writing.
- Proven ability to work autonomously and within a team to achieve practical, innovative solutions with the capability to prioritise work to meet deadlines.
- High level of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Ability to travel to remote areas within Australia for extended periods (2-3 weeks).
- Sound computer skills including Microsoft Office.
- Current 'C' Class Drivers Licence.

Desirable

- Degree in a relevant field of Agriculture/ Agribusiness/ Environmental science or demonstrated work experience.
- Understanding of NT primary industries and Indigenous culture.
- Knowledge and understanding of relevant work health and safety legislation for the Northern Territory.

For further information contact the NTCA on <u>08 89 815 976</u> or <u>office.darwin@ntca.org.au</u> Please send all applications to <u>office.darwin@ntca.org.au</u>

Applications close 20 August 2021.