



Manager Strategy & Intergovernmental Relationships

- **Location: Parramatta – at least 50% office attendance**
- **Full time ongoing opportunity (35 hours per week)**
- **Salary from \$149,739 to \$173,174 + super and annual leave loading**

This is a targeted recruitment. While all applicants are welcome, preference will be given to candidates who meet the established standards of the role and are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. This is because the Department acknowledges this lived experience contributes a perspective valuable to our work with this community.

Your role

As the Manager Strategy, Intergovernmental Relationships and Partnerships, you will play a key role in strengthening relationships across government and supporting strategic planning and partnership initiatives that contribute to Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO's) objectives.

You will develop and manage partnerships, identify opportunities, and support high value collaborations, ensuring alignment with AHO's values and consumer led approach.

The role involves leading high value conversations with senior decision makers, navigating ethical and reputational considerations, and building partnerships that deliver shared value and impact.

You will also work closely with the Chief Executive and Executive team to support engagement across government and help ensure AHO priorities are aligned and represented.

In this role, you will lead complex, strategic initiatives, applying strong project management practices to drive delivery and outcomes while fostering a high-performing team environment. You will oversee procurement and contract management activities, including engaging and managing Aboriginal consultants and service providers, ensuring all partnerships are culturally appropriate, ethically grounded, and deliver meaningful value.

What you'll do

- Develop and maintain effective intergovernmental relationships across NSW, Commonwealth, and State and Territory agencies
- Lead and coordinate AHO's strategic planning processes, including the corporate strategy
- Oversee implementation, monitoring, and reporting of strategic priorities and initiatives
- Coordinate and support delivery of the AHO Strategic Partnerships Framework across Directorates
- Provide high-level strategic advice, briefings, and submissions to the Chief Executive and Executive team
- Support and coordinate interagency forums, meetings, and engagement activities
- Ensure AHO's priorities are aligned with and reflected in broader government policies and strategies
- Engage with Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs), peak bodies, and stakeholders to support collaboration and co-design
- Identify, assess, and escalate risks, issues, and emerging opportunities across partnerships and interagency work
- Contribute to governance processes, reporting, and continuous improvement of partnership and strategy functions

What we're looking for

- Demonstrated experience developing and managing end-to-end partnerships
- Strong experience in intergovernmental relations and/or cross-sector stakeholder engagement
- Proven ability to build trusted relationships with senior stakeholders across government, corporate, and not-for-profit sectors
- Strong communication, negotiation, and influencing skills
- Experience preparing high-quality briefing notes and executive correspondence
- Sound judgement in managing ethics, risk, and values alignment in partnerships
- Excellent project management capability, with experience delivering complex, strategic initiatives
- Demonstrated experience leading and developing teams to achieve outcomes
- Proven experience in procurement and contract management, including working with
- Aboriginal consultants and service providers in a culturally appropriate and ethical manner
- A collaborative, self-directed, and outcomes-focused approach
- Commitment to culturally appropriate engagement and supporting Aboriginal self-determination

Download the [role description](#)

To apply directly for this role please click [here](#).

We focus on hiring people who share our commitment and goals of inclusion, collaboration, adaptability, courage and integrity. If you meet the essential requirements and the role resonates with you, please apply – you do not need to meet every desired requirement for us to want to talk to you.

What We Offer

We offer a variety of benefits, including:

- A challenging and rewarding career
- Flexible, autonomous work environment
- Competitive pay and conditions
- Training and development opportunities to build and maintain capabilities
- Health & Wellbeing and Employee Assistance Programs.
- Ability to progress to other roles in the department.

Want more information? Visit our website to see more information on [Working for us](#)

We do work that really matters

Working for the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) provides lots of opportunities to make a real difference. We collaborate with other agencies and community partners, to improve lives and realise the potential of children, adults, families and communities. We're focused on breaking, rather than managing, disadvantage. It's work that really matters.

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Are you ready to join us?

Click apply. You will need to attach an up-to-date résumé (maximum five pages) and a cover letter (maximum three pages) with a brief outline on how you meet the requirements of the role and answer the two targeted questions below:

- Describe a time where you led the development and delivery of a strategy or major initiative, including how you engaged stakeholders (including intergovernmental partners where relevant), and the outcomes achieved.
- Describe your experience building and managing strategic partnerships, including your work with Aboriginal people or communities, how you approached culturally appropriate engagement, and the impact of these partnerships.

Applications close: Thursday 23 April 2026 11:59pm

Got a question?

For more information about the role or what it's like to work for DCJ, please contact the hiring manager Des Foster deslin.foster@aho.nsw.gov.au

If you've got a question about applying or would benefit from an adjustment in the recruitment process to help you perform at your best (including an alternate method submission of the application), please call Stephanie Hughes on 02 8688 0027 or via Stephanie.hughes@dcj.nsw.gov.au

Visit [Recruitment adjustments on the DCJ website](#) to learn more.

Inclusion and Diversity lies at the heart of how we recruit

We continue to hire great people with a wide variety of skills, experience and backgrounds. This includes people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, women, people identifying as LGBTIQ+, culturally and linguistically diverse people, carers and other diversity groups.

To find out what DCJ are doing to build an inclusive and diverse workforce, visit [Inclusion and diversity on the DCJ website](#).

Other Information

A talent pool may be created for future ongoing and temporary roles and is valid for a period of up to 18 months.

For more information visit [Applying for DCJ jobs](#) on the DCJ website.

OR

For targeted recruitments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people use this text instead:

For more information and advice on applying for roles at DCJ, visit [Careers for Aboriginal people](#).

Thank you for your interest in this role. We look forward to receiving your application. To keep up with recruitment opportunities at DCJ, follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/CareersatDCJ/

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