

Principal Solicitor

Location: Melbourne CBD

Salary: \$124,033 to \$165,983 + super.

Position No: 50939297

- **Do you have strong interpersonal skills?**
- **Do you have good critical thinking and problem solving skills?**
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Do you enjoy working within a great team environment, if so this could be the role for you.

- Step in to a dynamic, delivery-focused environment where your leadership and expertise will directly contribute to the successful design and implementation of a variety of projects across Victoria
- Join a positive, supportive workplace culture in a highly skilled team environment
- Combine your administrative law and government operations expertise with the challenge of supporting good design, establishment and management of major investment initiatives across the Environment, Land, Water and Planning portfolios, including unprecedented levels of renewable energy investment in Victoria.

The Principal Solicitor is a senior member of the Legal and Governance Division in the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and provides leadership in the delivery of high quality, accurate and strategic legal advice and litigation support. The Principal Solicitor leads projects, supervises the work of other lawyers, works in or leads multi-disciplinary project teams and works with the Division's management team to ensure the delivery of accurate, fit for purpose advice and outstanding customer service.

The role is part of a highly skilled legal team, working closely with the department's seven functional groups and the Solar Victoria business to support the delivery of priority policy initiatives, programs and operations to the Victorian community to optimise success and minimise and mitigate risks for government.

This role is for an experienced lawyer and people leader to develop a practice and to lead and manage projects in the core areas of administrative law (including operation of government and an awareness of Constitutional issues) and statutory interpretation, commercial matters including renewable energy projects of varying sizes, and dispute resolution. The role may also extend to planning and environment, property (Crown land use and development), energy regulation, building, natural resources management and emergency management. Experience at a senior level in a leadership capacity in at least two of the core areas is required, ideally in a government context.

This is a rare, newly created senior role with significant responsibility, reflecting the energy of the department to deliver for Victoria.

Specialist/Technical Expertise/Qualifications

- An Australian lawyer within the meaning of the Legal Profession Uniform Law (Victoria), holding or eligible to hold an Australian practising certificate.
- Demonstrated ability as a senior legal practitioner providing authoritative advice in the core areas of administrative law (including operation of government and an awareness of Constitutional issues) and statutory interpretation, commercial matters including renewable energy projects of varying sizes, and dispute resolution; the required experience at a senior level is mandatory in two of these areas and highly regarded in all three.
- Strong experience in either broader general in-house or government legal practice and/or some of the department's areas of specialisation (planning and environment, property (Crown land use and development), energy, building, natural resources management and emergency management) is desirable but not essential.

This is an ongoing position.

To be considered for this position, your application should include a supporting statement demonstrating that you meet the Key Selection Criteria detailed in the position description, including the Specialist/Technical Expertise/Qualifications and capabilities sections.

For further information please refer to the attached position description.

Applications close at midnight on Tuesday 2 March 2021.

Other relevant information:

Preferred candidates will be required to undertake pre-employment screening, including a Declaration and Consent form and a National Police Check.

Applicants must possess corresponding work rights to be eligible for appointment for the advertised employment period. To be appointed to an ongoing position you must be an Australian Permanent Resident or an Australian/New Zealand citizen.

We are building an inclusive workplace to help realise the potential of our employees, embrace our differences, and apply our diverse thinking to innovation and delivering services to Victorian communities. All jobs can be worked flexibly and we encourage job applications from Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.