



## Dear Applicant

Thank you for considering applying for a position with the newly formed Department of Communities (Communities).

Communities came into operation on 1 July 2017 as part of the State Government's Machinery of Government changes. These changes are aimed at creating collaborative departments focused on whole-of-government objectives and delivering services in a more efficient and effective way.

The newly formed Department of Communities comprises services that were previously provided by the following agencies:

- Department for Child Protection and Family Support
- Department of Housing (including Housing Authority)
- Disability Services Commission
- the communities component of the Department of Local Government and Communities including the Education and Care Regulatory Unit
- Regional Services Reform Unit.

As soon as practicable youth community corrections will also transfer into Communities.

As one department we provide a diverse range of services to Western Australians including people with disability, children who are in the legal care of the state and those who need a place to call home.

We are focused on ensuring all those who receive our supports and services thrive and have real life choices that are unique to them and their place in this great State.

Our work gives us a unique opportunity to influence and change the lives of individuals, families and entire communities.

I am sure you can appreciate that a change of this scale takes time. Please note that the application pack may still reference one of the agencies which has now amalgamated into the Department of Communities. This said, please take the time to read through the application package and visit the website ([www.communities.wa.gov.au](http://www.communities.wa.gov.au)) to familiarise yourself with our new department.

I wish you the best of luck with your application.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Searle'.

Grahame Searle  
Interim Director General

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