



Deputy Director General, Planning

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Classification	Special Division, Non-CEO Band 3, Salaries and Allowances Tribunal
Division:	Planning
Directorate:	Planning
Reports to:	Director General, 00015135, Special Division, CEO Band 2, Salaries and Allowances Tribunal
Direct reports:	To be confirmed
Leadership Context:	Executive Leader

Position Overview

The Deputy Director General (DDG), Planning sets and delivers the strategic direction for innovative and contemporary land use planning, policy and programs across Western Australia (WA) and the development of strategies to shape communities across the State, prioritise the sustainable and responsible management of land and places, and encourage economic diversification.

The role provides high level executive leadership and management works collaboratively with stakeholders and the community.

Responsibilities

- As a member of the Department's Executive, shape and drive the Department's vision and reform agendas and collaborate to deliver it's strategic objectives and priorities.
- Lead and contribute to Government and Department reforms and lead the co-delivery of Government led initiatives.
- Strategically lead, direct and define the vision for the Department's strategic planning, planning policy, rezoning/planning proposals, development assessment and key programs that support and enable achievement of Department outcomes and Government priorities.
- Provide expert, strategic and authoritative advice to the Minister for Planning, other portfolio Ministers, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), Director General and executive stakeholders across government to enable fully informed recommendations and decisions.
- Lead and collaborate to deliver effective governance within the Department and across government for critical planning and decision-making processes which underpin strategic goals and outcomes.

- Represent the Department's and the Government's position to State agencies, local government, industry, Aboriginal and other non-government organisations, and community stakeholders to facilitate solutions and deliver decisions that achieve desired planning and infrastructure outcomes.
- Strategically direct and lead the development and implementation of integrated short-medium-long term state planning strategies, policies and growth plans that create and maintain thriving communities and deliver quality economic, social and environmental outcomes.
- Provide strategic leadership in the assessment of State Significant Development and infrastructure proposals and rezoning applications.
- Oversee the strategy for post approval compliance enforcement and reporting on significant projects and identify and implement strategies to address related challenges.
- Build and maintain a strong relationship with the WAPC to ensure a collaborative and timely assessment process.
- Evaluate and respond effectively to highly sensitive and contentious community, regulatory or service delivery issues to ensure that financial, reputational and business risks are minimised.
- Direct the development, implementation, ongoing evaluation, review and improvement of policy and service delivery programs across the Portfolio and Department, ensuring alignment with Department and Government objectives.
- Direct the overall performance of regulatory programs and compliance functions by setting expectations, performance goals, standards and measures to inform effectiveness.
- Provide leadership and set performance expectations for the Portfolio's executive management team to ensure alignment with the vision and overall goals of the Department.
- Perform other duties as directed.
- Demonstrate professional and ethical workplace behaviours in alignment with the Department's Code of Conduct and Values. This includes ensuring work practices and behaviours foster an equitable, diverse, and inclusive work environment and support a safe and healthy workplace in accordance with Work Health and Safety legislation.

Essential Requirements

- Extensive strategic and statutory land use planning experience across multiple sectors.
- Strong understanding and experience in applying urban and regional planning principles and governance frameworks that will facilitate timely land release.
- Demonstrate behaviours within the leadership context of [Executive Leader](#) as outlined below.

Mandatory Pre Employment Requirements

- All positions within the Department require the occupant to have a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (NCCHC) conducted with a satisfactory outcome.
- A pre-employment Conflict of Interest will be completed and assessed prior to appointment.
- This position is considered a high-risk position and a Declaration of Outside Interest (DOI) is required for the occupant of this role.

Workplace Behaviours and Expectations

The Department's [Code of Conduct](#) sets out the professional behaviours that we expect of our employees and consistent with our departmental values.

The [Public Sector Commission's Leadership Expectations](#) provide a clear understanding of expected leadership behaviours and associated mindsets for all public sector employees. The expected behaviours (see below) should be demonstrated in the context of [Executive Leader](#) for this position.

Lead collectively	You understand and leverage the interrelationships that exist in the sector and ensure that strategic decisions create value for the agency and sector, now and into the future.
Think through complexity	You are comfortable with dynamic complexity, easily navigate detail complexity and think logically about the short, medium and long term variables that could impact your agency and the sector.
Dynamically sense the environment	You scan and decipher internal and external environments, leveraging understanding to influence and persuade others so as to create value for Western Australians.
Deliver on high leverage areas	You demonstrate a drive to deliver against longer term strategic objectives for your agency and contribute to creating future value for the sector
Build capability	You develop capability in the sector to create value for the future of Western Australians.
Embody the spirit of public service	You achieve results under challenging conditions while maintaining the reputation of your agency and the sector
Lead adaptively	You display a willingness to learn from your past experiences and apply those learnings to new and unfamiliar situations

Further information can be obtained from looking at the [behaviour descriptors](#).

Our Vision and Values

To respect the past, to create opportunities today and to plan for the future.

Our values shape our attitude and actions, guiding us both personally and professionally.

Respect	We respect that our work is personal to our stakeholders and that every piece of land and site has a story.
Collaboration	We engage and collaborate to build prosperous places and connected communities.
Integrity	Our ethics and integrity guide our actions with every piece of land, site and opportunity to enable us to deliver great outcomes for Western Australia.
Innovation	We enable innovation, implementing innovative approaches to the way we work to create value for our stakeholders.
Professionalism	Our professionalism empowers us to use our specialised knowledge and skills to deliver our work to the highest standards.
Accountability	We work in the interest of the public and take responsibility for our actions and decisions.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage acknowledges the Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of Western Australia. We pay our respects to the Ancestors and Elders, both past and present, and the ongoing connection between people, land, waters, and community. We acknowledge those who continue to share knowledge, their traditions and culture to support our journey for reconciliation. In particular, we recognise land and cultural heritage as places that hold great significance for Aboriginal people.

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