



Job Description Form – Government Architect

Position Number:	00025940	Division:	Office of the Director General
Classification:	PDA	Reports to:	Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness
Leadership Context:	Executive Leader	Direct Reports:	0
ANZSCO:	232111		

Description

The Government Architect Western Australia (GAWA) recognises the crucial role that design plays in shaping our cities and supports State government priorities, particularly in the delivery of significant and strategic projects; affordable and diverse housing programs; planning reform; and urban infrastructure projects.

The GAWA recognises that planning and design are inextricably linked, in the provision of development that is economically, socially, culturally and environmentally sustainable, and works closely with the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) supporting the vision of creating better places to live and work for all Western Australians.

The Government Architect provides expert and independent advice to the Premier and Minister for Planning on key Government projects and developments and works with key stakeholders to create a distinctive built environment.

Responsibilities

- Advise Ministers and Cabinet on architectural design matters relating to the built environment, with a focus on key projects and developments undertaken by Government.
- Provide advice to, and work closely with, Government departments, agencies and local government on how to optimise design outcomes for capital works programs, individual Government projects and the delivery of broader planning objectives.
- Champion and promote integrated responses to planning, architecture and urban design for improved built environment outcomes.
- Encourage collaboration between public and private sector to improve outcomes for the built environment and urban design initiatives.
- Seek to understand and influence key design issues and trends by working closely across government, agencies and partners.
- Provide strategic leadership of the State Design Review Panel (SDRP) processes, including chairing panel sessions and communicating SDRP recommendations.
- Attend sittings and provide advice on special matters at Development Assessment Panels as required.
- Advise on planning policies relating to the design and built environment.



- Represent the Government on key architectural committees and bodies.
- Foster effective relationships and collaboration among building design professions, architectural schools, Government and industry to maximise excellent design outcomes in the built environment.
- Where requested to do so by a statutory decision-maker, Government entity or Minister, provide design input to the planning and design of strategic urban development proposals.
- Applies Equal Opportunity and Diversity, Work Health and Safety and ethical principles/practices in all aspects of this role.
- Encourages and supports a safe workplace environment.
- Demonstrates the expected behaviours of the leadership context for this role.

Special Requirements

All Department positions require a national police check conducted.

Requirements

- A degree in architecture and eligibility for registration with the Architects Board of Western Australia.
- Ability to facilitate cooperation and partnerships, build sustainable relationships to influence and leverage better outcomes in response to Government priorities.
- Able to be an articulate and influential advocate of good design.
- Demonstrate the behaviours within the leadership context of Executive Leader as outlined below.



Behaviour Expectations

Leadership Expectations provide a clear understanding of expected leadership behaviours for all public sector employees in different contexts. The expected behaviours (see below) should be demonstrated in the context of [Executive Leader](#) for this position.

Lead collectively	You proactively shape strategy to align with the collective needs of the agency and sector, balancing delivery of tactical short term requirements with creating value in the medium term.
Think through complexity	You proactively manage the implementation of the risk management strategies in your business areas and take reasonable steps to mitigate any risks to your business areas and agency.
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 develop alternate plans and strategies to overcome barriers to delivering the goals and strategy of your business areas.
Build capability	You develop the future capability requirements of your business areas and ensure you contribute to developing a diverse talent pipeline in the agency.
Embody the spirit of public service	You are committed to maintaining good corporate governance and proactively identify potential reputational risk and areas of non-compliance.
Lead adaptively	You engage in learning opportunities that contribute to your future development needs, actively seeking guidance and support from your mentors.

The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.

Registration Date	9 November 2023	Registering Officer	Tamara Mowday <i>Tamara Mowday</i>
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