

Assistant Director – Surveillance and Diagnostics – EL1 – Tech Response Section

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

- **Location:** Melbourne, VIC
- **Remuneration:** \$112,294 - \$120,780
- **Job Reference:** 2021/8106

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The Job

The Assistant Director - Surveillance and Diagnostics will provide day to day management of staff delivering responses within the Science and Surveillance Group (SSG) (and where appropriate more broadly across the department) to detections of exotic species, including:

- assisting with developing, delivering and reporting against response plans
- ensuring effective leadership of the response team
- working with the Director – Technical Response and any other SSG staff responding to detections to effectively manage issues
- ensuring effective staff performance, budgeting and the management of vehicles and other resources during the response
- ensuring that WHS practices are applied and followed during responses.

Please note that this position is available until 30 June 2022 with the possibility of extension up to a maximum period of 3 years in total. This non-ongoing vacancy may become ongoing in the next 12 months which may result in the successful applicant being offered ongoing employment.

Work location

Please note that this position can be performed from any of our regional offices in Brisbane, Melbourne or Sydney.

What we are looking for

Knowledge and experience

The successful applicant will have:

- extensive experience in conducting surveillance for animal or plant diseases, pests and/or weeds
- significant knowledge and experience in botany, entomology or plant pathology, particularly relating to the biology, ecology, management and diagnostics
- demonstrated knowledge of emergency management arrangements
- significant experience in leading or participating in responses, including working in Incident Control Centres, ideally for responses to biosecurity incursions
- knowledge and understanding of Australia's national cost sharing deeds (e.g. Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement (NEBRA), their response plans (e.g. PLANTPLAN) and the associated committees involved in responses e.g. Consultative Committee for Emergency Plant Pests (CCEPP)
- demonstrated experience working collaboratively and cultivating and maintaining productive working relationships with a range of stakeholders
- demonstrated business management experience
- demonstrated project and/or program management experience
- a sound understanding and knowledge of managing incidents.

Flexible employment arrangements are available with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.