

Research Director Marine and Freshwater Systems

Principal Scientist – Queenscliff, Victoria

Position No: DPI 12343

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As the Research Director Marine and Freshwater Systems, you will be accountable for the management, development and utilisation of staff within the Platform and for promoting the capabilities of the Platform, both internally and externally.

You must be able to demonstrate:

- considerable experience in leading and managing a research and development unit or program;
- high level expertise and understanding of issues which arise in primary industries and natural resource management;
- well developed strategic thinking, analytical abilities and verbal and written communication skills;
- knowledge and experience with identification, protection and commercialisation of intellectual property and technologies;
- strong people management skills, preferably in a team-based environment; and
- considerable experience at developing, forming and strengthening strategic alliances and partnerships.

You must hold an appropriate post-graduate qualification and experience in a relevant area of science.

For a position description, please contact Nicole Locarnini via e-mail at nicole.locarnini@dpi.vic.gov.au or telephone (03) 9658 4064. For further information, please contact Ron Prestidge, General Manager Environment & Resource Sciences, on (03) 9658 4762.

This is a full-time, ongoing position. An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful applicant.

Please send your application, addressing the key selection criteria in the position description and quoting position number DPI 12343, to: Nicole Locarnini, Project Officer, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne, VIC 3001 or via facsimile to (03) 9658 4002 or e-mail as above.

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