

Accountability, Leadership, Unity, Trust, Pride & Safety

ILLEGAL DUMPING OFFICER

Temporary / Full Time (3 year contract)
Location – Proserpine
Base salary between $84,747 per annum to $88,658 per annum
Plus Locality Allowance + Superannuation

The Whitsunday Regional Council is situated at the heart of the Great Barrier Reef. The region encompasses the 74 tropical Whitsunday Islands, the coastal towns of Cannonvale, Airlie Beach, Jubilee Pocket, Shute Harbour and Bowen along with the rural towns of Proserpine and Collinsville. The Whitsunday region offers a dynamic environment and is perfectly placed to live, work, play and invest.

Help Protect the Whitsundays Environment

Whitsunday Regional Council is seeking a passionate and proactive Illegal Dumping Project Officer to lead initiatives that prevent, investigate and reduce illegal dumping across the region.

As part of the Local Government Illegal Dumping Partnership Program, this exciting role provides the opportunity to work collaboratively with local government, state government agencies, industry groups, schools and the wider community to improve environmental outcomes and drive lasting behavioural change.

If you enjoy investigations, education, compliance and environmental protection, this role offers the opportunity to make a tangible difference to the Whitsunday region.

About the Role

Reporting to the Manager Natural Resources and Regulation, you will coordinate and implement initiatives aimed at reducing illegal dumping and improving community awareness of responsible waste disposal practices.

Key responsibilities include:

- Investigating illegal dumping incidents, including evidence collection, site inspections, data analysis and reporting.
- Identifying offenders and implementing appropriate compliance and enforcement actions.
- Monitoring known illegal dumping hotspots and conducting routine inspections throughout the region.
- Collaborating with State Government agencies, neighbouring councils, community groups and industry stakeholders to deliver successful project outcomes.
- Developing and delivering community education and awareness campaigns.
- Facilitating presentations, workshops and engagement activities with schools, businesses and community groups.
- Producing monthly and project reports in accordance with partnership program requirements.
- Developing fact sheets, procedures, educational materials and operational documentation.

- Supporting Environmental Health Officers and other compliance staff by building organisational capability around waste reduction, recycling and illegal dumping prevention.
- Identifying opportunities for service improvements and implementing efficient work practices.

About You

We are seeking a motivated individual who is passionate about environmental protection and enjoys working with a variety of stakeholders to achieve positive outcomes.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- Experience in compliance, regulation, customer service, local government, community services or a related field.
- Strong communication and conflict resolution skills.
- C Class “Manual” Drivers Licence.
- Experience in the interpretation and compliance of regulations/local laws.
- Ability to obtain Authorised Persons card.

What Council Offers:

- 9 Day Working Fortnight
- 5 Weeks Annual Leave per annum
- 15 Days Personal Leave per annum
- 17.5% Annual Leave Loading
- 12% Superannuation Guarantee
- Annual Locality Allowance
- Salary Sacrifice Opportunities
- Learning and Development Opportunities
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

How to Apply:

To view the position description please click on the job attachments tab above. To apply, click the ‘Apply’ button above. For any further information regarding this role, please contact a member of our Human Resources Operations team on (07) 4761 3613.

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