

**Job Advertisement for the Principal Solicitor
Environmental Defender's Office Western Australia**

11 February 2019

- **Do you have a desire to make a difference in public interest law and to promote access to justice?**
- **Are you a committed environmental lawyer?**
- **Attractive salary depending on experience**
- **Full time/part time/job share applications all considered**

The Management Committee of the Environmental Defender's Office WA (Inc) (EDOWA) is seeking expressions of interest for the position of Principal Solicitor.

EDOWA is a community legal centre that provides high quality, free or low cost legal advice and representation to members of the community in public interest environmental law matters across WA. We also educate the community about environmental law, and advocate for environmental law reform. EDOWA is vital to provide checks and balances that ensure environmental decisions are made with due regard for the law.

This crucial organisation seeks a new energetic and committed leader to follow the excellent work of our outgoing Principal Solicitor. The new Principal Solicitor will manage all facets of EDOWA's legal practice, including management of litigation (including representation in court, tribunals and other forums); provision of legal advice; communication with clients and stakeholders; participation in legal education activities and law reform; management of the activities of the EDOWA office and operations (including supervision of junior legal staff, professional staff and volunteers, financial management, and oversight of fundraising activities).

Experience in the community legal sector or working within community services would be highly beneficial.

Applicants must be based in Perth, although consideration will be given to applicants who wish to work remotely for periods of time.

How to apply for this job

To be considered for this position applicants must address the key selection criteria in a letter of no more than 3 pages and provide a CV and references. Please send an electronic version of these materials to DDoherty@edowa.org.au using the subject line: **EOI for Principal Solicitor EDOWA**

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by **5pm on Monday 25 February**.

Please note that the Management Committee will consider applications as they are received and that interviews will commence quickly after suitable applications are received. Applicants are therefore encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Selection Criteria to Be Addressed in the Expression of Interest

1. Demonstrated experience in a range of legal matters relevant to environmental law and / or related fields (including public law, mining law, land use law). Litigation casework experience desirable
2. Minimum of 5 years of post-admission experience as a barrister or solicitor
3. Holds, or is eligible, to hold a WA legal practising certificate
4. Demonstrated ability to supervise junior legal staff and volunteers
5. Strong oral and written communication skills
6. Demonstrated understanding of financial management as it applies to management of the day to day activities of a legal practice
7. Experience in the administration of a legal practice
8. Demonstrated interest in the not-for-profit sector, pro bono legal work, and/or social justice
9. Experience in engagement with stakeholders (e.g. members of volunteer / community-based organisations) (desirable).

A copy of the position description can be found on our website www.edowa.org.au.