

Role Description

Senior Project Officer



Cluster	Planning, Housing & Infrastructure
Agency	NSW Reconstruction Authority
Division/Branch/Unit	Preparedness & Recovery
Role number	Various
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Agency overview

The NSW Reconstruction Authority (the Authority) is a statutory corporation within Planning, Housing & Infrastructure. The Authority will improve how NSW plans for disasters and help communities to recover from them faster.

To reduce the severity and impacts of disasters, the Authority will complete critical planning and preparation with communities, businesses, and government. When disaster does strike, we will get recovery started swiftly and coordinate reconstruction efforts across agencies, communities, and other stakeholders.

Primary purpose of the role

The Senior Project Officer manages and coordinates the development, implementation and evaluation of complex projects to achieve project outcomes and support the achievement of organisational objectives.

Key accountabilities

- Manage and oversee all aspects of project planning, development and implementation for a range of projects, including developing project plans, coordinating resources, managing budgets, meeting reporting requirements, and supporting project-related activities, to ensure project outcomes are achieved on time, on budget, to quality standards and within agreed scope in line with established agency project management methodology
- Establish and maintain stakeholder relationships through effective communication, negotiation and issues management to engage stakeholders and ensure project deliverables are met
- Monitor and evaluate all aspects of project implementation, including risk and contingency management, benefits realisation, project impact and quality measures, to identify and address issues, assess project progress and effectiveness, and achieve project outcomes
- Manage a project team/s, ensuring compliance with governance and quality requirements, to successfully deliver all key project/s milestones and outcomes
- Undertake research and formulate recommendations to support evidence-based project planning and decision making

- Provide advice and information to stakeholders on emerging project issues and to support project development and delivery in line with established plans, budgets, timeframes, policy objectives and other project and priorities

Key challenges

- Managing consultations and negotiations with diverse stakeholders, within agreed timelines, given their varying expectations, viewpoints and interests
- Achieving project deadlines and milestones to the required standards and within budget, given the need to simultaneously coordinate and deliver multiple projects which are often complex and interconnected.

Key relationships

Who	Why
Internal	
Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive guidance and provide regular updates on key projects, issues and priorities • Provide advice and contribute to decision making • Identify emerging issues/risks and their implications and propose solutions
Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide, support, coach and mentor team members • Work collaboratively to contribute to achieving team outcomes
Direct Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide and manage performance and development
Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide expert advice on project related issues • Report and provide updates on project progress • Consult and collaborate to resolve project related issues, define mutual interests and determine strategies to achieve their realisation
External	
Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide expert advice on project related matters • Report and provide updates on project progress • Engage and consult in the resolution of project issues
Vendors/Service Providers and Consultants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage contracts and monitor provision of service to ensure compliance with contract and service arrangements • Consult, provide and obtain information, negotiate required outcomes and timeframes • Resolve and provide solutions to issues

Role dimensions

Decision making

This role has autonomy and makes decisions that are under their direct control as directed by their Manager. It refers to a Managers' decisions that require significant change to program outcomes or timeframes or are likely to escalate or require submission to a higher level of management. This role is fully accountable for the delivery of work assignments on time and to expectations in terms of quality, deliverables and outcomes. This role submits reports, business cases and other forms of written advice with minimal input from the manager.

Reporting line

Manager

Direct reports

N/A

Budget/Expenditure

- Financial Delegation: As per agency financial delegations.
- Administrative Delegation: As per agency delegations' manual.

Knowledge and experience

- Strong foundation in disaster preparedness principles and practices. This includes knowledge of risk assessment methodologies, emergency management arrangements, and community resilience frameworks.
- Proficiency in cultural nuances, communication styles, and customs across diverse demographic groups to ensure clarity and effectiveness of strategic programs and initiatives.
- Demonstrated expertise in facilitating meetings and managing committees and governance forums.
- Strong interpersonal skills and experience in collaborating with diverse stakeholders, including community organisations, government agencies, NGOs, and businesses.

Essential requirements

- Knowledge and understanding of emergency management arrangements and associated NSW legislation, or the ability to quickly build this understanding.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or demonstrated experience in project management or change management, in order to develop, drive and implement relevant strategies and programs.

Capabilities for the role



The [NSW public sector capability framework](#) describes the capabilities (knowledge, skills and abilities) needed to perform a role. There are four main groups of capabilities: personal attributes, relationships, results and business enablers, with a fifth people management group of capabilities for roles with managerial responsibilities. These groups, combined with capabilities drawn from occupation-specific capability sets where relevant, work together to provide an understanding of the capabilities needed for the role.

The capabilities are separated into **focus capabilities** and **complementary capabilities**.

Focus capabilities

Focus capabilities are the capabilities considered the most important for effective performance of the role. These capabilities will be assessed at recruitment. The focus capabilities for this role are shown below with a brief explanation of what each capability covers and the indicators describing the types of behaviours expected at each level.

FOCUS CAPABILITIES

Capability group/sets	Capability name	Behavioural indicators	Level
<div> Personal Attributes</div>	Display Resilience and Courage Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be flexible, show initiative and respond quickly when situations change• Give frank and honest feedback and advice• Listen when ideas are challenged, seek to understand the nature of the comment and respond appropriately• Raise and work through challenging issues and seek alternatives• Remain composed and calm under pressure and in challenging situations	Adept
<div> Relationships</div>	Communicate Effectively Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tailor communication to diverse audiences• Clearly explain complex concepts and arguments to individuals and groups• Create opportunities for others to be heard, listen attentively and encourage them to express their views• Share information across teams and units to enable informed decision making• Write fluently in plain English and in a range of styles and formats• Use contemporary communication channels to share information, engage and interact with diverse audiences	Adept
	Influence and Negotiate Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiate from an informed and credible position• Lead and facilitate productive discussions with staff and stakeholders• Encourage others to talk, share and debate ideas to achieve a consensus• Recognise diverse perspectives and the need for compromise in negotiating mutually agreed outcomes• Influence others with a fair and considered approach and sound arguments• Show sensitivity and understanding in resolving conflicts and differences• Manage challenging relationships with internal and external stakeholders• Anticipate and minimise conflict	Adept





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	Deliver Results Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use own and others' expertise to achieve outcomes, and take responsibility for delivering intended outcomes • Make sure staff understand expected goals and acknowledge staff success in achieving these • Identify resource needs and ensure goals are achieved within set budgets and deadlines • Use business data to evaluate outcomes and inform continuous improvement • Identify priorities that need to change and ensure the allocation of resources meets new business needs • Ensure that the financial implications of changed priorities are explicit and budgeted for 	Adept
	Think and Solve Problems Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and apply critical-thinking techniques in analysing information, identify interrelationships and make recommendations based on relevant evidence • Anticipate, identify and address issues and potential problems that may have an impact on organisational objectives and the user experience • Apply creative-thinking techniques to generate new ideas and options to address issues and improve the user experience • Seek contributions and ideas from people with diverse backgrounds and experience • Participate in and contribute to team or unit initiatives to resolve common issues or barriers to effectiveness • Identify and share business process improvements to enhance effectiveness 	Adept
	Project Management Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and review project scope and business cases for projects with multiple interdependencies • Access key subject-matter experts' knowledge to inform project plans and directions • Design and implement effective stakeholder engagement and communications strategies for all project stages • Monitor project completion and implement effective and rigorous project evaluation methodologies to inform future planning • Develop effective strategies to remedy variances from project plans and minimise impact • Manage transitions between project stages and ensure that changes are consistent with organisational goals • Participate in governance processes such as project steering groups 	Advanced

Complementary capabilities

Complementary capabilities are also identified from the Capability Framework and relevant occupation-specific capability sets. They are important to identifying performance required for the role and development opportunities.

Note: capabilities listed as 'not essential' for this role are not relevant for recruitment purposes however may be relevant for future career development.

COMPLEMENTARY CAPABILITIES			
Capability group/sets	Capability name	Description	Level
 Personal Attributes	Act with Integrity	Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values	Intermediate
	Manage Self	Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning	Adept
	Value Diversity and Inclusion	Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives	Intermediate
 Relationships	Commit to Customer Service	Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives	Adept
	Work Collaboratively	Collaborate with others and value their contribution	Adept
 Results	Plan and Prioritise	Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances	Intermediate
	Demonstrate Accountability	Be proactive and responsible for own actions, and adhere to legislation, policy and guidelines	Intermediate
 Business Enablers	Finance	Understand and apply financial processes to achieve value for money and minimise financial risk	Intermediate
	Technology	Understand and use available technologies to maximise efficiencies and effectiveness	Intermediate
	Procurement and Contract Management	Understand and apply procurement processes to ensure effective purchasing and contract performance	Intermediate