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| **Cluster** | Stronger Communities  |
| **Department** | Department of Communities and Justice |
| **Division/Branch/Unit** | Strategy, Policy and Commissioning / Women, Family and Community Safety |
| **Location** | Parramatta |
| **Classification/Grade/Band** | Clerk Grade 7/8 |
| **Role Number** | Various |
| **ANZSCO Code** | 511112 |
| **PCAT Code** | 1229192 |
| **Date of Approval** | 9 April 2021 | **Ref: WFCS 022** |
| **Agency Website** | www.dcj.nsw.gov.au |

***Please see job notes and/or advertisement for more information on specific role qualification requirements and relevant experience.***

# Agency overview

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is the lead agency under the Stronger Communities Cluster. DCJ works to enable everyone's right to access justice and help for families through early intervention and inclusion, with benefits for the whole community. Stronger Communities is focussed on achieving safe, just, inclusive and resilient communities by providing services that are effective and responsive to community needs.

Primary purpose of the role

The Policy and Projects Officer coordinates and contributes to the development and delivery of a range of projects and provides analysis and advice to support Agency and Government policy initiatives and commitments.

# Key accountabilities

* Undertake research and analysis, reviewing alternatives in relation to policy and project deliverables, to inform decision making
* Provide a range of project management and support services, including preparation of discussion papers, briefs and submissions, to contribute to the development and delivery of policy and project initiatives
* Prepare and maintain project documentation for reporting, monitoring and evaluation purposes to ensure accessibility of quality information and contribute to the achievement of project outcomes
* Communicate with key stakeholders and coordinate working groups, committee meetings, and stakeholder consultations to support engagement as well as policy and project development and implementation
* Undertake research and collate information for reporting, monitoring and evaluation purposes to contribute to the achievement of policy and project outcomes

Key challenges

* Coordinating a range of policy and project development activities and managing competing demands and priorities.
* Assimilating information quickly and understanding the implications of changes to policy direction and project priorities.

Key relationships

| Who |  Why |
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| **Internal** |  |
| Manager | * Participate in discussions and decisions
* Escalate issues and propose solutions
* Receive guidance and provide regular updates on key tasks, issues and priorities
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| Work/Project Team | * Support team members and work collaboratively to contribute to achieving team outcomes
* Provide and receive feedback
* Participate in meetings, share information and provide input on issues
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| Stakeholders | * Respond to enquiries
* Develop and maintain effective working relationships and open channels of communication
* Report and provide updates on project status
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| **External** |  |
| Stakeholders | * Respond to enquiries
* Develop and maintain effective working relationships and open channels of communication
* Report and provide updates on project
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Role dimensions

## Decision making

The position has significant independence to manage their workload and set priorities within agreed timeframes and parameters. The Policy and Project Officer exercises discretion in handling confidential and sensitive information, and good judgment in escalating risk issues to the Program Manager in a timely way.

## Reporting line

Program Manager across a range of teams

## Direct reports

Nil

## Budget/Expenditure

Nil

# Essential requirements

Appointments are subject to reference checks. Some roles may also require the following checks/ clearances:

* National Criminal History Record Check in accordance with the Disability Inclusion Act 2014
* Working with Children Check clearance in accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

# Capabilities for the role

The [NSW public sector capability framework](https://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/workforce-management/capability-framework/the-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 |
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| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** |  | **Behavioural indicators** | **Level** |
| Personal Attributes logo | **Display Resilience and Courage**Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change | * Be flexible and adaptable and respond quickly when situations change
* Offer own opinion and raise challenging issues
* Listen when ideas are challenged and respond appropriately
* Work through challenges
* Remain calm and focused in challenging situations
 | Intermediate |
| Personal Attributes logo | **Manage Self**Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning | * Keep up to date with relevant contemporary knowledge and practices
* Look for and take advantage of opportunities to learn new skills and develop strengths
* Show commitment to achieving challenging goals
* Examine and reflect on own performance
* Seek and respond positively to constructive feedback and guidance
* Demonstrate and maintain a high level of personal motivation
 | Adept |
| Relationships logo  | **Communicate Effectively**Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect | * 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 |
| Results logo | **Deliver Results**Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes | * Seek and apply specialist advice when required
* Complete work tasks within set budgets, timeframes and standards
* Take the initiative to progress and deliver own work and that of the team or unit
* Contribute to allocating responsibilities and resources to ensure the team or unit achieves goals
* Identify any barriers to achieving results and resolve these where possible
* Proactively change or adjust plans when needed
 | Intermediate |
| Results logo | **Think and Solve Problems**Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions | * 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 |
| Business Enablers logo | **Project Management**Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods | * Understand all components of the project management process, including the need to consider change management to realise business benefits
* Prepare clear project proposals and accurate estimates of required costs and resources
* Establish performance outcomes and measures for key project goals, and define monitoring, reporting and communication requirements
* Identify and evaluate risks associated with the project and develop mitigation strategies
* Identify and consult stakeholders to inform the project strategy
* Communicate the project’s objectives and its expected benefits
* Monitor the completion of project milestones against goals and take necessary action
* Evaluate progress and identify improvements to inform future projects
 | Adept |

# 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 is not relevant for recruitment purposes however may be relevant for future career development.

| COMPLEMENTARY CAPABILITIES |
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| **Capability Group/Sets** | **Capability Name** | **Description** | **Level**  |
| Personal Attributes logo |  |  |  |
| Act with Integrity | Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values | Intermediate |
| Value Diversity and Inclusion | Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives | Intermediate |
| Relationships logo  |  |  |  |
| Commit to Customer Service | Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives | Intermediate |
| Work Collaboratively | Collaborate with others and value their contribution | Intermediate |
| Influence and Negotiate | Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts | Intermediate |
| Results logo |  |  |  |
| 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 logo |  |  |  |
| 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 |