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| **Cluster** | Stronger Communities | |
| **Department** | Department of Communities and Justice | |
| **Division/Branch/Unit** | Strategy Policy & Commissioning / FACSIAR | |
| **Location** | Parramatta | |
| **Classification/Grade/Band** | Clerk Grade 9/10 | |
| **Role Number** | TBC | |
| **ANZSCO Code** | 224412 | |
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| **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

Identify emerging issues, coordinate and undertake evidence synthesis, analysis, evaluation and research initiatives that inform and improve DCJ-wide policy development, service reform and client outcomes and help deliver the objectives of the Department and the NSW Government.

# Key accountabilities

* Undertake specialist evaluation and research projects, including working with academic institutions undertaking research projects involving DCJ clients, staff and datasets, to support policy, program and service design initiatives.
* Design and implement knowledge translation activities, including working with DCJ staff on how to embed evidence into policy and practice, to improve frontline services and client outcomes.
* Increase access to evidence by conducting and commissioning evidence reviews, developing evidence-based program logics and approaches to outcome measurement, synthesising and translating findings from evaluations and research projects into policy briefs and presentations.
* Maintain and enhance in-depth knowledge of research and evaluation methodologies and techniques that will ensure DCJ services are delivered efficiently and that client and business outcomes are measured and reported.
* Engage and collaborate with external researchers, including academic institutions, to strengthen the translation of evidence into policy and practice and support building capability in policy-relevant research.
* Provide proactive and evidence-based advice to the business unit leader, Director and/or the Executive Director as evidence and research projects are developed and implemented to ensure that the methodology is robust and will contribute to the identification, monitoring and improvement of client outcomes. Research and prepare advice in the form of briefs, policy and discussion papers in response to Ministerial, Cabinet or Department requests.
* Liaise and work across DCJ Divisions and non-government stakeholders to ensure effective interface between program development, planning, service design and policy implementation.
* Work effectively with team members towards mutual continued development and quality assurance and provide feedback to each other on evidence and research undertaken.

# Key challenges

* Keeping abreast of policy developments in the state and national arena and understanding the impact that these may have on the analytical work being undertaken.
* Keeping up-to-date and maintaining in-depth knowledge of knowledge translation, evaluation and research methodologies, research practice and relevant information systems, and application of these in a human services context.

# Key relationships

| Who | Why |
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| **Internal** |  |
| Line Manager | * Report directly to Line manager * Seek direction, advice and support * Provide information and feedback |
| Team Members | * Provide information and advice * Provide an effective and valuable two way liaison |
| Other DCJ Divisions | * Liaise to ensure the provision of timely and accurate advice when requested * Develop and maintain effective working relationships * Negotiate/agree on timeframes |
| DCJ Districts and Clusters | * Liaise to ensure consistent engagement with service delivery planning and service providers * Develop and maintain effective working relationships * Negotiate/agree on timeframes |
| **External** |  |
| Non-government Organisations | * Engage with service providers |
| Community | * Engage with service providers and client groups |

# Role dimensions

## Decision making

The role:

* Carries a high level of autonomy in setting own priorities, and those of any staff/project staff supervised, in alignment with management
* Maintains a degree of independence to develop a suitable approach in managing the workload, as well as that of supervised staff, and provision of advice and recommendations as well as input to the development of relevant systems, frameworks, team planning and projects.
* Determines own actions undertaken, within government and legislative policies, and for ensuring quality control in the implementation of own, and any staff supervised, workload.
* Ensures recommendations are based on sound evidence, but at times may be required to use their judgment under pressure or in the absence of complete information or as a source of expert advice to internal stakeholders across the Department as well as externally to Ministerial level.
* As necessary, consults with management on a suitable course of action in matters that are sensitive, high-risk or business-critical, or for those issues that have far reaching implications with respect to resources or quality advice provision.

## Refer to the DCJ Delegations for specific financial and/or administrative delegations for this role.

## Reporting line

See divisional structure and supplementary material.

## Direct reports

Nil.

## Budget/Expenditure

Nil.

# Essential requirements

Tertiary qualifications in social sciences, health sciences or other related discipline with considerable experience and a demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.

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 | **Act with Integrity**  Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values | * Represent the organisation in an honest, ethical and professional way and encourage others to do so * Act professionally and support a culture of integrity * Identify and explain ethical issues and set an example for others to follow * Ensure that others are aware of and understand the legislation and policy framework within which they operate * Act to prevent and report misconduct and illegal and inappropriate behaviour | | | Adept | |
| Personal Attributes logo | **Value Diversity and Inclusion**  Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives | * Promote the value of diversity and inclusive practices for the organisation, customers and stakeholders * Demonstrate cultural sensitivity, and engage with and integrate the views of others * Look for practical ways to resolve any barriers to including people from diverse cultures, backgrounds and experiences * Recognise and adapt to individual abilities, differences and working styles * Support initiatives that create a safe and equitable workplace and culture in which differences are valued * Recognise and manage bias in interactions and decision making | | | Adept | |
| Relationships logo | **Commit to Customer Service**  Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives | * Take responsibility for delivering high-quality customer-focused services * Design processes and policies based on the customer’s point of view and needs * Understand and measure what is important to customers * Use data and information to monitor and improve customer service delivery * Find opportunities to cooperate with internal and external stakeholders to improve outcomes for customers * Maintain relationships with key customers in area of expertise * Connect and collaborate with relevant customers within the community | | | Adept | |
| Relationships logo | **Work Collaboratively**  Collaborate with others and value their contribution | * Encourage a culture that recognises the value of collaboration * Build cooperation and overcome barriers to information sharing and communication across teams and units * Share lessons learned across teams and units * Identify opportunities to leverage the strengths of others to solve issues and develop better processes and approaches to work * Actively use collaboration tools, including digital technologies, to engage diverse audiences in solving problems and improving services | | | Adept | |
| Results logo | **Plan and Prioritise**  Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances | * Understand the team and unit objectives and align operational activities accordingly * Initiate and develop team goals and plans, and use feedback to inform future planning * Respond proactively to changing circumstances and adjust plans and schedules when necessary * Consider the implications of immediate and longer-term organisational issues and how these might affect the achievement of team and unit goals * Accommodate and respond with initiative to changing priorities and operating environments | | | Intermediate | |
| Results logo | **Think and Solve Problems**  Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions | * Undertake objective, critical analysis to draw accurate conclusions that recognise and manage contextual issues * Work through issues, weigh up alternatives and identify the most effective solutions in collaboration with others * Take account of the wider business context when considering options to resolve issues * Explore a range of possibilities and creative alternatives to contribute to system, process and business improvements * Implement systems and processes that are underpinned by high- quality research and analysis * Look for opportunities to design innovative solutions to meet user needs and service demands * Evaluate the performance and effectiveness of services, policies and programs against clear criteria | | | Advanced | |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| Display Resilience and Courage | Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change | Intermediate |
| Manage Self | Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning | Intermediate |
| Relationships logo |  |  |  |
| Communicate Effectively | Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect | Adept |
| Influence and Negotiate | Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts | Intermediate |
| Results logo |  |  |  |
| Deliver Results | Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes | Adept |
| 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 | Adept |
| Procurement and Contract Management | Understand and apply procurement processes to ensure effective purchasing and contract performance | Intermediate |