**Position Description**

**Role title: Principal Consultant – Planning and Approvals**

**Reports to: Team Leader – Environmental Assessment, Planning & Approvals**

**Grade: Principal Consultant**

**Purpose / Scope of role**

At Attexo, we’re excited to be playing a key role in enabling Australia’s energy transition. Every day, our team are contributing to outstanding outcomes on some of the country’s highest profile renewable energy projects including wind farms, grid scale batteries, pumped hydro schemes, solar farms and hydrogen production and transportation projects.

Attexo recently joined APEM Group, an independent, global environmental consultancy with a growing presence in Australia. Joining APEM Group significantly increases our ability to service our clients and provides new career opportunities for our team.

On the back of our continued success and a strong backlog of upcoming projects we have multiple vacancies across our planning and approvals team. These roles would be suited to experienced approvals and environmental assessment professionals with qualifications in planning, environmental planning or a related discipline.

**What success looks like in this role**

As a key member of Attexo’s planning and approvals team you will lead the delivery of approval and environmental assessment programs for a broad range of projects, with a focus on the renewable energy sector.

You will develop and maintain strong client relationships, provide well informed and timely advice, guide less experienced team members and achieve successful project outcomes.

**Key Responsibilities**

* Provide project management and/or technical leadership of planning and approval engagements for a range of projects, with a focus on the renewable energy sector
* Lead the preparation of a range of project deliverables including reports, proposals, and presentations summarising findings and recommendations related to planning and approval aspects of projects.
* Provide considered and timely advice to clients regarding the planning and approval aspects of proposed developments and the implications for project delivery
* Manage the successful obtainment of approvals and permits for projects under relevant legislation
* Assisting in site selection and feasibility studies for renewable energy and resource projects, considering environmental factors and regulatory approval frameworks.
* Collaborating with cross-functional teams to integrate environmental considerations into project planning and decision-making processes.
* Researching and analysing environmental policies, regulations, and industry best practices to ensure project compliance and alignment with overall objectives.
* Support engagement activities with regulatory authorities, community and other stakeholders
* To carry out any additional activities that may be reasonably required or requested.
* To take reasonable care for the health and safety of yourself and others; make use of the tools, equipment, training and resources; and actively engage with colleagues at all levels to contribute to the continuous improvement of health and safety management.

**Skills/Knowledge/Experience/Qualifications**

**Essential**

* 10+ years professional experience in planning, approvals, environmental assessment or relates fields.
* A highly developed understanding of the environmental assessment and approvals frameworks applicable to the development of energy sector projects.
* Experience obtaining statutory approvals for energy projects in Queensland and strong knowledge of the Planning Act 2016 and related legislation, regulations and policies.
* Effective written and verbal communication skills, including experience in technical report writing and presentation delivery.
* Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment and manage multiple tasks with attention to detail.
* Strong organisational and time management abilities, with a proactive and self-motivated work approach.
* Bachelor's degree in environmental science, planning or environmental management.

**Desirable**

* Previous experience in a consulting, government agency or client side role will be highly regarded but is not essential.
* Knowledge of renewable energy technologies and their environmental implications.
* A desire to learn and build experience and capability through hands-on project experience.
* A strong passion for renewable energy and a commitment to sustainable development practices.
* Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to interpret complex data and provide actionable recommendations.

**Our Values**

Our most important assets are our people who work for the firm. We all work as one team and rely on each other. We wish to create a working environment to which our people are proud to belong, by maintaining our values at the forefront of everything we do. These values are:

Impactful: Making a difference is central to our work. Collectively, the individual efforts of our team, have a meaningful impact on the outcomes achieved for our clients, communities and the environment.

Innovative: We encourage and nurture new thinking and challenge the status quo. We are flexible in our approach and encourage our teams to work collaboratively towards creative solutions

Responsive**:** We listen and are actively invested in solving the challenges encountered in delivering projects. We take accountability for the quality of our work and have pride in the value that it creates.

Attexo provides a flexible working environment and encourages applications from diverse backgrounds. Our team benefit from access to a range of great benefits including individual health and wellbeing allowances, professional development support and service based additional leave entitlements.

Additionally, you will have the chance to work in a supportive and inclusive environment that fosters personal growth and the opportunity to contribute to the successful delivery of projects that are changing Australia's energy landscape.