



The Environment Centre N.T. Inc

Call for applicants: Freshwater campaigner (with a primary focus on the Daly River)

Position overview

The Environment Centre of the Northern Territory Inc. (ECNT) is the Territory's leading non-government environmental campaign organisation.

We are seeking a highly motivated person with suitable skills and experience to continue the Environment Centre's high profile campaign for the protection of the iconic Daly River from unsustainable development, and to address other issues relating to the conservation of the NT's rivers, freshwater ecosystems and water resources, e.g. land clearing, weeds, GM cotton and mining.

This is a one year full time position based in Darwin.

The future of the Daly River has become the major test case in the ongoing debate between proponents of broadscale irrigated agri-business development and those seeking the conservation of intact tropical rivers, catchments, and landscapes.

The Freshwater campaign will continue to focus attention on the need to dramatically improve the NT's legislative, regulatory and planning framework for water-related development, integrated catchment management, and sustainable communities. ECNT's Freshwater campaigner will be expected to progress the work done to date on reform of the NT Water Act and introduction of promised Living Rivers and Environment Protection and Management legislation.

We are seeking a person with strategic campaign experience who will engage the ECNT's existing support base (Australia-wide), utilise the media, and further develop networks and alliances across the community to raise awareness of the many environmental, social and economic values of tropical rivers and the threats posed to them by ill-conceived development.

This position also forms part of, and works with, a wider coalition of environmental organisations focussing on threats to the environmental values and sustainable development opportunities across all of northern Australia.

The ECNT is well positioned to lead this Freshwater agenda having built up over several years a high level of relevant knowledge and networks. The Freshwater campaigner will work closely with the ECNT's existing campaign team of five, helping to grow the ECNT's overall environmental campaign capacity and effectiveness.

ECNT campaigners report to, and are overseen by, the Coordinator and the ECNT Management Committee.

Position description

- Position title: Freshwater campaigner
- Responsible to: ECNT Coordinator and ECNT Management Committee
- Location: Environment Centre NT, Darwin
- Status: Full time, one year – with the aim of extending if additional funds acquired.
- Salary: Approx \$46,000 plus entitlements, depending on qualifications and experience
- Beginning date: August 2006

Selection criteria

Applicants must address the following selection criteria.

Essential

1. Demonstrated ability to develop and implement strategies for political change, preferably with an environmental focus.
2. Experience and practical skills in the implementation and management of environmental or other similar campaigns.
3. Demonstrated knowledge of the workings of government and bureaucracy, and the ability to engage with government at a high level.
4. Demonstrated ability to clearly communicate, in writing and orally, important public policy issues through the media, networking, lobbying and preparing and presenting submissions.
5. Demonstrated analytical and research skills.
6. Demonstrated networking and alliance-building skills, excellent negotiation and liaison skills;
7. A willingness to travel as required and a current drivers licence.

Desirable

8. Demonstrated knowledge of water-related ecological/environmental, sustainability and planning issues, preferably with a science base.
9. An understanding of the cultural and social context of environmental issues in northern Australia.
10. Some knowledge of major national water reform initiatives and policies as developed in recent years, and their implications for various jurisdictions.

For full position description and selection criteria or information about ECNT refer to <http://www.ecnt.org/> or contact Peter Robertson, Coordinator: email - ecnt@octa4.net.au; phone: 08 89811984). Please send applications including CV and response to selection criteria by **close of business 12 July 2006 to:**

The Coordinator

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