

Job description

Agency	Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade	Work Unit	Livestock Biosecurity Unit, Biosecurity and Animal Welfare Branch
Job Title	Principal Veterinary Officer	Designation	Senior Professional Officer 2
Job Type	Full Time	Duration	Ongoing
Salary	\$142,543 - \$155,362	Location	Darwin
Position Number	24503 RTF 225532	Closing	28/11/2021
Contact	Dr Susanne Fitzpatrick, Chief Veterinary Officer on 08 8999 2130 or susanne.fitzpatrick@nt.gov.au		
About the agency	https://industry.nt.gov.au/		
Apply online	https://jobs.nt.gov.au/Home/JobDetails?rtfId=225532		

Applications must be limited to a one-page summary sheet and detailed resume

Information for applicants – Inclusion and diversity and Special measures

The NTPS values diversity and aims for a workforce that represents the community. The NTPS encourages people from all diversity groups to apply for vacancies and accommodates people with disability by making reasonable workplace adjustments. If you require an adjustment for the recruitment process or job, please discuss this with the contact officer. For more information about applying for this position and the merit process, go to the [OCPE website](https://industry.nt.gov.au/).

Under the agency's Special Measures Recruitment Plan eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Aboriginal) applicants will be granted priority consideration for this vacancy. For more information on Special Measures, go to the [OCPE website](https://industry.nt.gov.au/).

Primary Objective

The Principal Veterinary Officer plans and manages livestock biosecurity projects to maintain and enhance market access of livestock and livestock products to domestic and international export markets.

Context Statement

This position is the deputy to the Chief Veterinary Officer and Chief Inspector of Livestock and therefore must have a comprehensive understanding of Livestock Biosecurity functions and be flexible and adaptable to perform the role effectively.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

1. Management of the biosecurity projects within the Livestock Biosecurity Unit business plan.
2. Function as the Chief Veterinary Officer and Chief Inspector of Livestock as required.
3. Function as the operational manager of livestock biosecurity staff in the Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs regions.
4. Represent the Northern Territory on national working groups and committees related to animal biosecurity and welfare.
5. Closely liaise with local livestock industry and relevant bodies on matters relating to livestock biosecurity, welfare and market access.
6. Provide advice to government and industry on animal biosecurity and welfare issues relating to the livestock industries.
7. Support emergency disease and pest animal and plant responses in the Northern Territory.

Selection Criteria

Essential

1. Relevant tertiary qualification in Veterinary Science and eligibility for registration in the Northern Territory.
2. Highly developed knowledge and experience in animal biosecurity at the state/territory and/or national/international level within the national biosecurity system.
3. Proven ability to develop strategic policy, apply legislation and exercise statutory delegations.
4. Demonstrated experience in leading and managing small virtual teams operating in remote regions.
5. Demonstrated ability to represent the Northern Territory at national technical meetings and forums.
6. Demonstrated knowledge of disease surveillance and disease control in livestock and the ability to plan and implement regulatory, research or extension projects.
7. Demonstrated experience in the livestock industries especially in pastoral zones in tropical and arid environments.
8. Highly developed communication and interpersonal skills to develop stakeholder relationships and establish partnerships.
9. Highly motivated with demonstrated initiative in the workplace to deliver outcomes.
10. Proven leadership in emergency disease and pest terrestrial and aquatic animal and plant responses.

Desirable

1. Relevant postgraduate qualification or emergency animal disease response competency.
2. Experience in the preparation of ministerial briefings and correspondence.

Further Information

1. From 13 November 2021 all NTPS employees subject to the Chief Health Officer Directions No.55 of 2021 are required to provide evidence of at least one dose of an approved COVID 19 vaccination and evidence of two doses completed by 24 December 2021 except in circumstances where there is a medical exemption.
2. When choosing to apply for this position, the applicant should consider the full requirements of the position in aligning their work experience and capabilities to this role. Please refer to the [Capability Leadership Framework Level 9](https://industry.nt.gov.au/) and visit our website at <https://industry.nt.gov.au/>

Approved: 1 November 2021

Lorraine Corowa, Executive Director Biosecurity and Animal Welfare