

Job description

Agency	Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade	Work unit	Biosecurity and Animal Welfare
Job title	Regional Veterinary Officer	Designation	Professional 3
Job type	Full time	Duration	Ongoing
Salary	\$106,568 - \$119,351	Location	Katherine
Position number	16805 RTF 250143	Closing	31/01/2023
Contact Officer	Rob Williams, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer on 0499 746 108 or rob.williams@nt.gov.au		
About the agency	www.industry.nt.gov.au		
Apply online	https://jobs.nt.gov.au/Home/JobDetails?rtfId=250143		

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

Information for applicants – inclusion and diversity and Special Measures recruitment plans

The NTPS values diversity. 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](#).

Under the agency's Special Measures recruitment plan eligible Aboriginal applicants will be granted priority consideration for this vacancy. For more information on Special Measures plans, go to the [OCPE website](#).

Primary objective

Provide and coordinate high level professional veterinary biosecurity advice and services, which manage risks to the economy, environment and human health and support the development of sustainable agribusiness and economic development in the NT.

Context statement

The Regional Veterinary Officer (RVO) is responsible for coordinating the delivery of veterinary biosecurity services and projects for the region, and providing professional leadership, mentoring and support for other staff. As the position involves service delivery for the pastoral industry, which generally operates outside of normal business hours, the RVO is expected to remain accessible, responsive and flexible to respond to urgent animal health events and service requests. In addition, the position is required to manage the NT's contribution to a number of animal health projects with responsibility for achieving outcomes against relevant business plans.

Key duties and responsibilities

1. Provide expert veterinary biosecurity advice relating to animal biosecurity in the Northern Territory.
2. Coordinate and deliver veterinary biosecurity services and projects for the region, including in-field disease investigation, disease surveillance, disease control, biosecurity certification and animal health and biosecurity extension.
3. Administer the NT Livestock Act and other relevant legislation including auditing and investigation of alleged breaches.
4. Lead and manage a functional section during biosecurity emergency responses.
5. Manage nominated animal biosecurity projects across the work unit, including representing the agency on regional, territory and national technical committees, working groups and meetings.
6. Participate in the emergency response to pests and diseases of livestock, plants and aquatic animals.

Selection criteria

Essential

1. Relevant tertiary qualification in Veterinary Science and eligibility for registration in the Northern Territory.
2. Experience in the provision of animal health and production programs in livestock industries, preferably in pastoral zones.
3. Experience in the cattle industry, with practical skills in beef husbandry and medicine.
4. Demonstrated ability to plan and implement regulatory, research and extension programs.
5. Excellent knowledge of disease investigation techniques and endemic diseases of livestock in Australia, especially in the pastoral zone in northern Australia.

Desirable

1. Post graduate qualification in animal biosecurity, epidemiology, public health or other relevant discipline.
2. Certificate IV in Government Investigations.
3. Formal training in public safety/Biosecurity Emergency Response.
4. Demonstrated experience working in a regulatory environment.

Further information

The Veterinary Officer will be appointed as an Inspector under the Northern Territory Livestock Act and other relevant Acts. The successful applicant must have a current driver's licence, current firearm licence (or ability to obtain) and be willing and able to travel, camp out on occasions in remote locations, undertake field operations and physically demanding work according to safe work requirements, and use a firearm as needed.

Approved: 5 July 2022

Lorraine Corowa, Senior Executive Director, Biosecurity and Animal Welfare