# Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Position Description




## Position details

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| **Position title:** | Geoscientist, Tenements (x2 positions) |
| **Position number:** | 50967014, 50967010 |
| **Classification:** | Science B |
| **Salary range:** | $97,955 - $111,142 plus superannuation |
| **Employment type:** | Ongoing |
| **Group:** | Resources Victoria |
| **Division & Branch:** | Geological Survey of Victoria / Geoscience Knowledge |
| **Work location:** | 8 Nicholson Street, Melbourne Hybrid work arrangement available: [x] Yes [ ]  No  |
| **Reports to:** | Melanie Phillips, Manager, Exploration Geoscience Information |
| **Direct reports:** | [ ]  Yes [x]  No If yes, how many? |
| **Further information:** | Melanie Phillips, Manager, Exploration Geoscience Information: 0407 034 089 |

Position purpose

The Geoscientist, Tenements assesses the quality and compliance of geoscientific exploration reports and data submitted to the Department by industry, in accordance with state legislation and national guidelines. The Geoscientist performs data management and analysis to deliver a comprehensive mineral resources dataset that supports evidence-based decision-making for stakeholders.

Context

Resources Victoria’s mission is to facilitate informed and responsible earth resources exploration, development, extraction and rehabilitation in Victoria. This includes oversight of mining activities for critical minerals, gold and other metals, petroleum, coal, sand, rock and gravel.

Our priorities are to:

* Increase investment in Victoria’s earth resources, including new critical minerals.
* Build confidence in the performance of the earth resources sector in Victoria and its regulation.
* Secure the supply of quarry materials essential for new infrastructure.

We will deliver this by:

* Applying our specialist scientific and technical expertise to understand Victoria’s geology and create new opportunities for responsible investment.
* Delivering resources policy and legislative reform that enables responsible earth resources activities, from exploration through to rehabilitation.
* Facilitating earth resources projects in a timely and transparent way that safeguards public safety, human health, infrastructure and the environment.
* Working across government to enable investment, while supporting industry with expert advice and clear approvals processes.

Accountabilities

* Assess complex and technical mineral exploration reports and related data submitted to the department by industry, ensuring compliance with state legislation and national guidelines.
* Process the results of completed assessments through relevant databases, providing accurate and concise summaries to support the compilation of requests for information, when required.
* Proactively communicate with internal and external stakeholders regarding exploration reporting submissions, assessments, and outcomes.
* Process the public release of technical reports and data in accordance with state legislation and established procedures.
* Contribute to the provision of evidence-based advice regarding tenement compliance to support regulatory decision-making.
* To practice cultural safety by creating environments, relationships and systems free from racism and discrimination so that people can feel safe, valued and able to participate.

Key Selection Criteria

The key selection criteria specified below outline the capabilities required for the position.

**Specialist/Technical Expertise/Qualifications**

* A tertiary qualification in Geoscience is mandatory.
* Demonstrated industry experience conducting exploration programmes using a wide range of modern exploration techniques, writing exploration activity reports and preparation of geoscience data for government submission.
* Experience in exploration data compilation, validation, assessment and integration with legacy information, and the ability to conduct spatial visualisation of data.
* Knowledge of the Australian Requirements for the Submission of Digital Exploration Data, and experience with the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act (1990)* and the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Mineral Industries) Regulations (2019)* or similar.
* Strong organisational skills with the ability to meet deadlines while maintaining strong attention to detail.
* Membership (including any internal accreditation, e.g. Registered Professional) of a professional organisation (e.g. AIG, AusIMM, SEG, ASEG, PESA, etc) would be well regarded.

**Capabilities**

* **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:** Resolves issues through deep understanding or interpretation of existing guidelines. Where guidelines are not available, analyses ideas available and takes action through self, or in consultation with others to resolve problems. If required, determine additional information needed to make informed decisions. Applies critical thinking and problem-solving concepts in the right context.
* **Stakeholder Management:** Takes steps to add value for the client or stakeholder; Links people with other areas as appropriate; Monitors client and stakeholder satisfaction; Constructively deals with stakeholder issues.
* **Data Literacy**: Considers data sources, collection and structure impacts in the delivery of data analysis. Generates descriptive statistics and relevant data visualisation leading to decisions under the guidance from subject matter experts. Ability to utilise advanced excel formulas, pivot tables and generation of data charts is required.
* **Resilience**: Gives frank and honest feedback/advice. Listens when ideas are challenged, seeks to understand the nature of criticism & respond constructively; Displays confidence and conviction when communicating an opinion.

Position specific requirements

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| Financial Delegation Value | N/A |
| The occupational health and safety requirements of this position may include, but are not limited to: | * Sedentary desk work
* Manual handling
* Emergency response work
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| DEECA will conduct relevant checks about applicants and the information provided within an application. Checks will include but are not limited to:  | A Declaration and Consent form consenting to DEECA contacting current and previous employer(s) to substantiate employment history, past conduct and performance is required. A satisfactory National Police Check will be required (for all non-DEECA employees). |
| Employment terms and conditions | Are governed by the *Victorian Public Service Enterprise Agreement 2024* and the *Public Administration Act* *2004.*Recipients of Victorian Public Service (VPS) voluntary departure packages should note that re-employment restrictions applyNon-VPS applicants will be subject to a probation period of six months |
| Privacy  | The department affirms that the collection and handling of applications and personal information will be consistent with the requirements of the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014. |

About the Department

We employ approximately 6,300 staff, including around 600 seasonal staff, across more than 86 locations throughout Victoria, across energy, environment, climate action, water, agriculture, and resources portfolios.

Our challenge is to maintain Victoria’s liveability, with a population expected to almost double by 2050, while responding to climate change and protecting our natural environment, infrastructure and heritage for future generations. We take a community-centred approach and involve communities and key stakeholders in decisions and policies that affect them and we collaborate across our portfolios to design and deliver services and programs.

For further information about the department, please visit our website [www.deeca.vic.gov.au](http://www.deeca.vic.gov.au)

Our values

Our values align with the core [Public Sector values](https://careers.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-sector/public-sector-values-integrity) – responsiveness, integrity, impartiality, accountability, respect, leadership and human rights. Additionally, we use our Leadership Model to shape the way we work. Using the principles of ‘Work Together’, ‘Do What Matters’ and ‘Make a Difference’ we create a culture that puts our people at the centre of everything we do. The Leadership Model reminds us of what’s important in our daily interactions with each other, and in the actions and decisions we take to deliver our work.

Our Community Charter

We are committed to the Victorian Government Public Engagement Framework that enables meaningful and inclusive engagement to make better decisions and improve the lives of Victorians. Our Community Charter is our promise to be available, be involved and listen, and take action as we deliver services and create opportunities that supports thriving, productive, and sustainable communities, environments and industries.

Emergency Response and Health and Safety Requirements

The departmentplays a major role in Victoria’s emergency response activities, through an all-hazards, all-emergencies approach. Staff may be directly employed for these roles or may be called upon to support these activities as required following the appropriate training and “fit for work” assessment.

A Diverse, Inclusive and Flexible Workplace

DEECA welcomes applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds and we focus on the essential requirements of the job and being consistent and fair in our treatment of all applicants. Our diversity and inclusion outcome pillars:

1. We are connected to liveable, inclusive, sustainable communities
2. We are diverse
3. We are inclusive and flexible
4. We are safe and respectful

DEECA can provide reasonable adjustments for people with a disability. If you need assistance to fully participate in the application or interview process, please use the contact listed under ‘Position Details’.

**Aboriginal Cultural Safety**

Cultural safety of Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians, as an underpinning principle of self-determination, is embedded in everything we do. Under the Aboriginal Cultural Safety Framework DEECA is committed to creating a culturally safe workplace, where there is space for culture to live and for spiritual and belief systems to exist. For further information, please contact self.determination@deeca.vic.gov.au.

**Balancing your Life / Hybrid Working**

We understand that a balanced life is important to our employees and we offer a wide range of flexible options to help you manage family, health, carer responsibilities, study, career or personal interests. Options may include working some days from home or other suitable locations, starting early or late, working part time, job share or accessing paid or unpaid leave in line with our flexible working policy.

To receive this information in an accessible format (such as large print or audio) please call the Customer Service Centre: 136 186, TTY: 133 677, or email customer.service@deeca.vic.gov.au