

Environmental Policy Advisor – Natural Resources & Environment

- Career opportunity with diversity and scope
- New role focused on providing growers with sustainable and reliable access to land and water
- Wellington location

Horticulture New Zealand (HortNZ) is a national organisation representing New Zealand's 5,500 commercial fruit, vegetable and berry fruit growers. Their vision is "healthy food for all forever".

HortNZ is looking for an experienced, dynamic and motivated Environmental Policy Advisor to join their Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) team.

Reporting to the Natural Resources and Environment Manager, you will play a key role in supporting and being the central point of contact for the NRE team, and representing growers in district and regional planning processes and advocating for regulations that enable and encourage fruit and vegetable growing in New Zealand. You will proactively develop relationships with various key stakeholders (growers, product groups and Councils) to improve environmental outcomes for the industry and community and communicate the importance of the industry and environmental sustainability to growers and the wider community.

This is a challenging and highly rewarding opportunity to represent an industry perspective on environmental issues at a local and regional level. You will need a relevant tertiary qualification, exceptional relationship management skills and enthusiasm for supporting and enhancing fresh, NZ grown fruit and vegetables and the wider food sector.

This is a permanent position based in Wellington. Ideally, 30 to 37.5 hours per week with flexible working arrangements for the right candidate.

The culture at HortNZ is collegial, positive and relaxed, and you will have the opportunity to work with a fantastic group of passionate, talented and highly motivated people.

Person Profile:

- Proven experience working in Resource Management planning and/or policy
- A detailed understanding of resource management processes and the RMA
- A relevant tertiary qualification
- Ability to translate RMA and policy jargon into everyday language for growers
- Well-developed internal/external stakeholder relationship management abilities
- Ability to simplify and effectively communicate technical or complex information
- Readily displays confidence, patience and tenacity
- Ability to work to tight deadlines and juggle multiple projects simultaneously
- A confident problem solver with strong attention to detail
- Confident public speaker with ability to articulate complex issues in public meetings/mediations
- Experience working on regional and district plan development (advantageous)
- Experience with the implementation of National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (advantageous)
- Experience with rural resource consenting (advantageous)
- Environmental science knowledge, relating to soil and water (advantageous)
- Experience with GIS mapping (advantageous)
- Empathy for the horticulture sector
- Ability to travel domestically from time to time (sometimes overnight)
- Ability to organise and run grower meetings (occasionally in the evening)

This is a hands-on role where you'll be expected to be immersed in the business, enjoy getting out of the office and spending time with the team and growers in the field.

Applications close: 5pm, Sunday 2nd June 2019

Applications to: Ngan Nguyen at mclaren.co.nz

Position description: Available to view at mclaren.co.nz

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