

Are you keen to make a difference in Environmental and Planning issues across Otago?

Aukaha is an environmental consultancy involved in a range of private development and local government work programmes across the wider Otago region. We are involved in innovative and exciting work and need the added support of a Principal/Senior Planner to work in the freshwater space.

Aukaha is a Kāi Tahu rūnanga Consultancy, based in Dunedin. We offer a range of planning, environmental and cultural advisory services to councils, Crown agencies and private clients as well as environmental advisory and support services to our rūnanga owners. This is a great opportunity to be part of a purpose-driven organisation creating enduring outcomes for our communities and the environment.

PRINCIPAL/SENIOR PLANNER - FRESHWATER

Permanent Full Time (negotiable) | Dunedin, Otago

Are you interested in influencing decisions which affect the quality of our waterways? Do you have the technical and communication skills to effectively shape and influence water policy development? Would you enjoy leading a supportive team that provides planning and policy advice to Kāi Tahu rūnanga to support their kaitiaki responsibilities for waterways in their takiwā?

Aukaha is expanding its freshwater work programme to meet the demands of recent Ministerial direction, the NPS freshwater and regional policy development. While our work is focused on Otago, the takiwā of our rūnanga owners extends across Southland, Otago and Canterbury so we are seeking a leader who could oversee an interesting and wide ranging programme of work potentially across multiple regional councils. This role requires being part of a small Aukaha team tasked with providing technical advice to Kāi Tahu rūnanga as they work in partnership with councils in the freshwater space.

To be successful in this role, ideally you will:

- Have a tertiary qualification in Planning, and have or be eligible for membership to the NZPI
- Possess a minimum of 5 years' experience within the field - ideally with local government experience in the freshwater space.
- Have experience dealing with a range of stakeholders e.g. iwi, communities, corporates, government agencies.
- have proven experience working with the RMA and related legislation, including experience writing planning evidence, presenting at hearings and in Environment Court mediation;
- Have excellent communication skills (both written and oral) and interpersonal skills.
- Preferably have an understanding of Ngāi Tahu cultural values.
- Be a self-starter with initiative and drive.

To apply, please send your application form together with your curriculum vitae to Libby Evans at libby@aukaha.co.nz.

For confidential enquiries please contact Maree Kleinlangevelsloo on 03 471 5480.

Applications close Monday 2 March