



CONSENTS PLANNER

Permanent Full Time | Dunedin, Otago

An exciting opportunity exists for a planner to join our dynamic resource consents team. The key purpose of this role is to assess external resource consent applications in the takiwā (traditional area) and provide advice to our five rūnanga owners, to guide their participation in consent processes under the Resource Management Act.

Aukaha is owned by five rūnanga located between South Canterbury and Gore. Our consents volumes are growing at an unprecedented rate and the consenting team is responsible for managing this workload in a way that delivers the most efficient, consistent and sustainable cultural outcomes for our rūnanga communities. The work captures a wide range of urban and rural planning issues, including agricultural, commercial, subdivision, environmental and natural hazards management. Many of the consents involve activities taking place in wāhi tūpuna (cultural sites) across Otago.

Principal responsibilities of the role include making recommendations on planning applications to ngā rūnanga, providing advice to external customers on consultation enquiries, providing reviews and supporting other team members. You will also be involved in writing submissions, responding to archaeological authorities and other statutory processes.

We are looking for an enthusiastic team player familiar with local authority consents experience. Communication and teamwork skills are prerequisites, including being able to connect with and work alongside whānau in our rūnanga communities.

This is an excellent career opportunity for a self-motivated individual who is looking for a challenge and exposure to Te Ao Māori within a supportive, friendly environment. Candidates with 2-4 years' planning experience are encouraged to apply. A tertiary qualification in planning/resource management and local authority experience are highly desirable.

To be successful in this role you will ideally have:

- A tertiary qualification in planning/resource management or similar discipline, and relevant work experience.
- Knowledge and experience of RMA and consenting processes, and experience drafting submissions.
- Able to translate Māori knowledge and information into the RMA planning framework
- Excellent writing skills and an ability to communicate with a variety of audiences.
- An ability to interact effectively with council staff, clients and whānau.
- A proven ability to work in a team, create and maintain relationships.
- Ability to work autonomously and with initiative.
- Competency in Te Reo Māori and tikanga, or a willingness to learn.
- Excellent time management and organisational skills.

For a job description please contact Libby Evans: libby@aukaha.co.nz

Applications close Monday 2 March.