

Principal Policy Planner

Gisborne District Council works together with our communities to make our aspirations happen. The Tairāwhiti community have told us about the importance they place on their environment and their connection to it for identity, culture, work, play and family. It is a key part of our story.

Here at Council, we want to ensure that our suite of resource management plans – our Regional Policy Statement, regional plans for freshwater, land and the coast, and our District Plan (collectively called the 'Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan') are made current and ready for the opportunities, challenges and pressures here and now and in the future.

The review and update of the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan is a major strategic work programme for Council that will span much of the next decade. To make this happen we are currently recruiting a Principal Policy Planner to join our Strategic Planning Team.

The purpose of the Principal Policy Planner role is to provide technical resource management planning leadership as part of the team to deliver the review programme. The Principal Policy Planner will ideally bring skills, passion, and experience in:

- District and/or Regional planning and policy
- Freshwater planning and policy
- Planning and working with iwi

To be successful in this role you will demonstrate:

- A strong understanding of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and plan making processes under the RMA.
- 8-10 years of experience in a resource management policy and/or planning position - ideally within a government agency or the local government sector.
- Previous experience working with statutory planning documents and processes.
- Knowledge of policy development processes and issues identification.
- Skills to engage and collaborate with stakeholders and mana whenua.
- Understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) as it relates to resource management policy development.

You will have a strong understanding of environmental resource management issues, experience working with RMA planning processes such as plan changes, and a relevant tertiary qualification.

You will also have strong writing and communications skills and the ability to fit into a team working in a dynamic project environment.

This is a permanent role and a highly competitive salary will be offered.

This is great opportunity to have a hand in shaping the future of the Tairāwhiti Region.

If this sounds like you, please read over the job description and apply now with your resume and cover letter.

For further information or a confidential conversation please contact: Kelly Thompson, Executive Advisor Science and Strategy via email at: Kelly.Thompson@gdc.govt.nz

Job Description

Applications close by: 10am, Wednesday 26 May 2021.

Please visit our website for further information:

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