

Senior Planner Position Description



About our Company

Vision Consulting is a rapidly growing multi-disciplinary consultancy firm of engineers, environmental scientists, GIS analysts, and planners. We pride ourselves on delivering high quality solutions for engineering and planning challenges based on technical excellence and innovative thinking. With our highly experienced and diverse team of professionals, we provide a single source of solutions for complex engineering and planning challenges.

Based in Kerikeri, in the Bay of Islands, Vision Consulting works with clients across the Northland Region - offering local planning and engineering expertise to work on local challenges.

Purpose of the role

The Senior Planner is part of our innovative, dynamic, and high achieving team based in Kerikeri. The role requires direct interaction with clients to give clear consenting advice as well as the preparation of resource consent applications. As a Senior Consents Planner, the role will include preparing resource consent applications of a more technical and complex nature, including providing a lead role in notified consent application processes.

At Vision Consulting we provide consultancy services across a wide variety of planning disciplines including Local Government Act 2002 planning, business case development, strategic planning development and technical writing services. Whilst the Senior Planner role is predominantly focused on consents planning, the role will also involve assisting with, and co-authoring, other planning work as required.



What the role encompasses

Resource Consent Planning

The core task of this role is provide senior level resource management planning expertise to our clients. This is to include both regional and district plan consent planning, involving:

- the provision of resource consent advice to clients.
- Preparing high quality resource consent applications that fully meet the requirements of Schedule Four of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
- Providing support for, or leading, consultation with affected or interested parties on behalf of our clients.
- Processing of resource consent applications on behalf of both district and regional councils within the statutory timeframes and in accordance with the regulatory framework of the RMA.

Leadership and mentoring

Mentoring and training of intermediate and graduate planners will be required from time to time. This will range from providing training to graduate planners with little to no consent planning experience through to supporting intermediate planners with notified resource consent applications, the development of evidence statements and appearing before consent hearings.

The role will also require peer review of work produced by our intermediate and graduate planners, including providing constructive and meaningful feedback to those staff.

Other planning and research tasks

Other planning tasks will be required from time to time in order to provide assistance on specialist projects and investigations. This may include carrying out research and analysis relating to social, economic, environmental and cultural matters, in addition to providing technical writing expertise.

Professional Development

The Senior Planner is required to maintain a specialised knowledge of consent processes and procedures, encapsulated within the RMA and associated policy and regulation. The role



will require that specialist knowledge is kept up to date as a result of any legalisation changes, updated statutory planning documents or significant case law.

Business Development

The role will require maintaining ongoing relationships with existing clients and building new relationships in order to develop and expand the planning arm of the business.

What we are looking for

Essential qualifications and experience:

- A Degree or post graduate degree in resource management or environmental science.
- 7+ years experience processing or preparing resource consent applications in accordance with the provisions of the RMA, including experience processing or preparing notified resource consent applications.
- A full member, or the ability to become a full member, of the New Zealand Planning Institute

Essential attributes:

- Advanced technical writing skills.
- Strong verbal communication skills.
- Ability to lead projects, teams and work independently when required.
- Ability to maintain and develop positive working relationships with staff and our clients.

What we offer

The company offers a strong focus on optimising work/life balance so that our team can get the most out of living in the Far North and enjoy all that it offers. We offer flexible hours, options to work from home on occasion and competitive remuneration.

Owing to the rapidly growing nature of the company, and the diversity of the work we carry out, we also offer opportunities for ongoing professional development and career progression towards other planning disciplines.

Finally, we are a progressive company founded on a strong code of ethics. We are building a reputation across the region for providing innovative and novel approaches to challenging issues always with a focus on professionalism and integrity. This role presents an opportunity for the right person to be part of a growing, progressive, company with big aspirations and strong values.

