

Principal Advisor Sustainable Finance

Teaser:

This senior position coordinates delivery of WATC's Sustainable Finance Program and assists with investor engagement and regulatory monitoring.

Bullet Points:

- Are you looking for a role where you can apply your forward-thinking skills?
- Can you demonstrate a strong understanding of sustainable finance concepts and principles?
- Do you have experience in regulatory and corporate governance environments in relation to sustainability?

About WATC

As the State's central financial services provider, WATC partner with government entities to achieve sound financial management outcomes, while providing investors with secure and sustainable opportunities.

WATC cares about the financial health of Western Australia's public sector agencies and provides a comprehensive range of corporate finance products covering borrowing, investing, foreign exchange, treasury management and advisory services. You can find out more about the organisation including their purpose, history and key activities by visiting <https://www.watc.wa.gov.au/>.

WATC are recruiting for a number of positions across the organisation. To see all current vacancies visit <https://www.watc.gov.au/about-us/careers/>.

The Opportunity

Reporting to the Head of ESG and Investor Relations within the Funding and Markets Division of WATC, the Principal Advisor Sustainable Finance is at the forefront of WATC's effort to lead the provision of quality advice, research and information on the Western Australian government and economy to support investors' informed understanding of the environment, social and governance outcomes achieved. This pivotal role researches and analyses domestic and global ESG trends; considers potential implications for WATC's product and service offering and engages with investors to understand their sustainability priorities whilst incorporating their feedback into the WATC's Sustainable Finance Program, priorities and initiatives.

Key deliverables of this role include (but are not limited to):

- Meeting obligations of the WATC Sustainability Bond Framework and associated coordination across Western Australian government agencies;
- Planning for new Green, Social or Sustainability bond issuances as part of the broader funding strategy;
- Contributing to the development of new sustainable finance product or service delivery initiatives relevant to WATC's role in servicing its client base (e.g. ESG stewardship in investment management, carbon markets development);
- Determining evolving requirements for environmental, social and governance (ESG) related disclosures and financial products;
- Developing targeted and general investor updates and reports as part of the Investor Engagement Strategy, including promotion of the State's ESG credentials;

- Ensuring compliance with existing and emerging regulations related to sustainability and sustainable finance;
- Cultivating productive relationships with research staff at WATC's clients and Fixed Income Distribution Group banks, other semi government issuers, other government organisations and academia; and
- Supervising the development and activities of junior staff in delivering the Business Unit's core objectives and WATC strategic initiatives.

About You

This vacancy plays a key role to the effectiveness of the ESG and Investor Relations business unit and as such a good understanding of the regulatory and corporate governance environments in relation to sustainability and a deep understanding of sustainable finance concepts and principles are critical to this role.

If you have extensive experience working in financial markets or a related discipline with significant exposure to sustainability or ESG trends that impact this sector and can showcase the following competencies through the execution of your work, this role could be the perfect opportunity for you:

- Strong project and stakeholder management skills;
- Strong problem solving, analytical and quantitative skills;
- Experience in ensuring high quality production of external communications materials and Management and Board papers;
- Strong communication skills, with the ability to share information in a simple and effective manner for stakeholders with different degrees of sophistication;
- Willingness to learn, to be open to others' opinions and to engage in constructive debate;
- Integrity, including upholding strong professional and ethical standards and discretion in maintaining confidentiality; and
- Forward-thinking, continuous learning, high performance.

WATC Values

WATC values shape our behaviours and define how we relate to each other, our clients and our community:

Integrity – We are open, honest and accountable; we adhere to the highest professional and ethical standards. We honour our promises.

Partnership – We work collaboratively with our stakeholders and colleagues towards achieving successful outcomes.

Adaptability – We challenge ourselves to think creatively and to continuously improve.

Achievement – We are engaged and focused on delivering valued outcomes for WA.

Leadership – We use our knowledge and experience to contribute to the long term benefit of WA.

Employee Benefits

WATC offer a range of benefits beyond remuneration that include:

- **Flexible work arrangements:**
 - Excellent work / life balance;
 - Working from home options and flexible start and finish times; and
 - Compressed work schedules and part time work opportunities.
- **Health and wellbeing focus:**
 - Calendar of a range of wellbeing initiatives;
 - Two wellbeing days annually; and
 - Discounted health insurance.

- **Generous personal leave:**
 - 12.5 days personal leave per year;
 - Up to 12 weeks paid parental leave (on top of government paid parental leave scheme); and
 - Access to purchase additional leave.
- **Diverse, inclusive and supportive work environment:**
 - Strong organisational focus on diversity and inclusion;
 - A range of staff initiatives to drive First Nations awareness and support women in finance; and
 - A reward and recognition program.
- **Professional development opportunities:**
 - Training courses;
 - Professional memberships; and
 - Structured learning opportunities.
- **Newly refurbished offices:**
 - Sit-stand desks and personal lockers;
 - Free gym access and fitness classes in the building; and
 - Excellent end of trip facilities.

To find out more about the benefits of working at WATC, visit <https://www.watc.gov.au/about-us/careers>.

How to Apply

WATC's recruitment and selection process includes a variety of assessment tools that might include behavioural and cognitive surveys, technical skill activities, reference checks and verification of Australian working rights.

Only candidates with unrestricted working rights in Australia will be considered.

WATC are committed to employing highly skilled people, with diverse backgrounds and experiences and embrace diversity of all kinds including supporting Women In STEM.

For further information please contact **Denise Wetherall, National General Manager, Beilby Downing Teal** on **0408 000 109** or dwetherall@beilbydt.com.au or click the link to download a copy of the Application Information Pack.

<https://beilbydt.com.au/application-packs/>

Please **apply online** at www.beilbydt.com.au by submitting a cover letter and resume (Word or PDF format) and quoting reference number **878472**.

Please note that applications will be assessed as they are submitted and the advertisement is likely to close **Monday 19 August 2024**.