

WENTWORTH GROUP

OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

POSITION:	Lead Project Officer
REPORTING TO:	Director, Wentworth Group
HOURS PER WEEK:	0.8-1.0 FTE NB: FTE is negotiable depending on the qualifications and skills of the successful candidate.
LOCATION:	The role will be primarily working from home with occasional travel required for meetings and events.
START DATE:	Immediately
CONTRACT PERIOD:	Fixed-term period; 2 years (with potential to extend to 3 years)

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:

The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists is an independent group of scientists that seeks to secure the long-term health of Australia's land, water, and biodiversity.

The Group seeks a motivated project manager with expertise in native vegetation and mapping and remote sensing/GIS to lead a recently funded native vegetation mapping and monitoring project.

The objective of this project is for the Wentworth Group to:

- (1) produce and publish native vegetation change maps (2015 - present) for the whole of Australia, cost-effectively and of sufficient accuracy that can be repeated and improved over time;
- (2) raise public awareness of the severity and impacts of land clearing in Australia;
- (3) encourage governments to adopt the method for detecting change and use it to report regularly, consistently, and transparently on native vegetation losses and gains;
- (4) support the design and targeting of initiatives to better safeguard and restore important native vegetation on public and private land.

PRIMARY DUTIES:

- Overseeing project development and implementation;
- Administering and supporting an expert advisory panel;
- Developing a national vegetation mapping standard to enable appropriate mapping of a range of different ecosystem services from native vegetation;
- Building relationships with potential end-users, including sourcing feedback on most useful product to ensure take-up of project outputs;
- Coordinating delivery of pilot study by service provider;
- Developing the national standard and mapping systems with stakeholders through identifying and securing additional funding;
- Designing and implementing the communications and extension strategy.

ESSENTIAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated relevant project management experience with the ability to work in a small team environment and the ability to prioritise a wide range of potentially conflicting demands;

- Demonstrated high level technical and spatial skills and experience in the conservation sciences, including using remotely sensed data;
- Familiarity with Australian native vegetation;
- Demonstrated experience collaborating and negotiating with high level stakeholders in a range of sectors, including State/Territory and Federal Governments;
- Demonstrated skills and experience in environmental conservation policy analysis and/or planning, advocacy, and implementation, including a concept of the policy implications of developments in native vegetation mapping technologies;
- Excellent interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills as well as excellent computer skills, including Microsoft Office and GIS programs;
- Applicants must be in Australia with rights to work in Australia (i.e. as a citizen or permanent resident).

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience and high-level skills in communications and knowledge extension, including capacity to engage and collaborate with end-users regarding application of project outcomes

IDEAL CANDIDATE:

The successful applicant will ideally have a post-graduate degree in environmental science or a related discipline and be able to demonstrate a high level of competency in working with people. Technical skills in native vegetation and mapping are essential.

Above all, they will be committed to helping the Wentworth Group achieve its objectives in securing the long-term health of Australia's land, water, and biodiversity.

REMUNERATION:

Salary package will be \$100,000 p.a. (including superannuation).

INQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS TO:

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Applications close on **Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 5pm AEST**. Applications must include a curriculum vitae and a cover letter addressing the selection criteria.