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| Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  | Employment Opportunity N.N. 10553369 |
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | Closing date: Thursday, 8 December 2011 |

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| Job Title: | Economists |
| Division: | ABARES Division |
| Branch: | Various Branches |
| Section: | Various Sections |
| Job Type: | Ongoing, Full-time |
| Salary: | $86,222 - $96,990 |
| Location: | Canberra | ACT |
| Classification: | Executive Level 1 |
| Agency Employment Act: | PS Act 1999 |
| Position No: | 11-0268 | Several Positions |
| Agency Website: | <http://www.daff.gov.au/> |

**Job Description**

**Duties**
We are looking for economists, macroeconomists, economic modellers or statisticians at Executive Level 1 to undertake applied economic research and commodity analysis on issues affecting the agriculture, fisheries, forestry, food, and natural resource management sectors.

Along with project teams and senior staff you will be required to provide the Department and other organisations with authoritative economic advice. An ability to prepare high quality reports, papers and oral presentations to support evidence-based policy both individually and within a project team environment will also be a requirement of this role.

You will utilise your strong liaison skills in dealings with other bureau programs, commonwealth, state and non-government organisations and other stakeholders. Additionally you will represent the Bureau and the Department at meetings and workshops.

Whist the roles have an economic focus, an ability to work with researchers from other disciplines providing integrated research and advice also is important. An understanding of the capabilities of colleagues and the ability to contribute to projects at varying levels will be required. Staff at this level should display a commitment to working with senior staff to achieve project and team results along with an ability to adjust to changing requirements within the bureau.

Current available positions:

EL 1 Economist, Forest and Land Economics
An economist is sought with proven quantitative and analytical skills in the economics of forestry in a policy-relevant environment. Experience in combining spatial data sets of biophysical and economic data on a GIS platform; and using economic models and methods to address policy questions related to forestry is an advantage. The successful candidate would work under limited supervision and could lead a small team and work area.

EL1 Economist, Water Economics
An economist is sought with proven experience in applied economic research and analysis. An aptitude for economic modelling and quantitative analysis is also desirable. The successful candidate will undertake applied economic research and analysis, with a particular focus on water. The successful candidate would work under limited supervision and could lead a small team and work area.

EL 1 Economist, Forest and Land Economics (Expected vacancy)
We anticipate the need for an economist with strong analytical skills and experience in natural resource management and/or land economics. Project management abilities and experience in analysing socio-economic and scientific data in Australian NRM issues would be an advantage. The successful candidate would work under limited supervision and could lead a small team and work area.

**Eligibility**
A degree in an economics discipline is required. Honours or postgraduate qualifications are an advantage.

**Notes**
An order of merit will be formed as a result of this recruitment process. Three positions available, one position is an expected vacancy. The successful applicants will be required to obtain and maintain a security clearance to the level of Baseline Vetting.

**To Apply**

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