

POSITION VACANT

Conservation Officer/Director

Join a dynamic team with a successful track record in achieving change to address one of the leading threats facing Australia's wildlife.

Position:	Conservation Officer/Director
Reports to:	CEO
Basis:	Full time
Location:	Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne area. Other locations within easy travel of these locations will be considered.
Duration:	One-year contract, extension possible
Salary range:	\$70,000-90,000 plus super, depending on skills and experience

Job description

The Conservation Officer/Director will develop and deliver advocacy and outreach activities under the ISC strategic plan and yearly work plan.

Responsibilities

- Promote the work, positions and strategic directions of the Invasive Species Council.
- Develop and execute advocacy and outreach strategies in collaboration with the CEO and other staff.
- Lead advocacy of selected priority campaigns as determined from time to time. [This will depend on the successful applicant but may include the following priorities: improvements to the national biosecurity system, addressing risks from invasive insects and the Reclaim Kosci campaign].
- Conduct advocacy and awareness-raising about problems and solutions through partnerships, events and communication channels including the internet, broadcast media and social media.
- Establish mechanisms for the community to contribute to advocacy outcomes.
- Maintain the organisation's emphasis on credible science-based information.
- Develop and maintain networks and relationships with people and organisations that align with campaign and organisational objectives.
- Integrate fundraising into all aspects of the role.
- Identify and pursue funding sources for current work and future projects.
- Prepare progress and performance reports.
- Other duties determined by the CEO from time to time.

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Selection Criteria

Essential

- Experience building coalitions across diverse sectors/interest groups to develop and promote shared objectives.
- A track record in achieving policy change at state and federal levels.
- Experience designing and delivering successful outreach or communication programs.

- Capacity to understand and communicate with law and policy-makers, scientists, journalists and the public about invasive species threats.
- Demonstrated project development, campaign planning and management skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a geographically dispersed team to develop and deliver shared projects.
- Willingness to travel interstate, often for several days at a time.

Desirable

- Fundraising experience.
- Detailed understanding of invasive species issues and related state and federal laws.
- Extensive networks in the agriculture, environmental and/or natural resource management sectors.
- Experience working with an environmental NGO.

Location: Location in the vicinity of Canberra, Sydney or Melbourne. Other locations within easy travel to these cities will be considered. The Invasive Species Council supports decentralised working arrangements.

Applications

Please send a resume and a statement explaining how you meet each of the selection criteria to CEO, Andrew Cox by email: andrewcox@invasives.org.au. Applications that do not directly address each criteria will not be accepted.

Applications close: 5pm Friday 27 September 2019.

Contact CEO Andrew Cox on 0438 588 040 for any further information.

About the Invasive Species Council

The Invasive Species Council is a non-government donor-funded organisation that seeks better laws and policies to protect the Australian environment from weeds, feral animals, insects, pathogens and other invaders. Formed in 2002, we were the first environment group in the world to focus solely on invasive species.

The organisation's focus is on prevention and early action, addressing the threat before it becomes entrenched. Our primary objective is to achieve improvements to state and federal laws, institutions and practices to systematically lower the risk of new invasive species establishing in Australia.

The Invasive Species Council increasingly undertakes prevention and early action activities including risk identification and on-ground eradication.

Our organisation has an impressive track record of achieving change. Over recent years we played a major role in securing \$411 million over ten years to eradicate red fire ants from south east Queensland and to establish the office of Chief Environmental Biosecurity, co-hosted the inaugural Australian Biosecurity Symposium and jointly conducted ground-breaking research to identify harmful invasive insects that could establish in Australia.

Our 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, our 2019 Plan to Protect Australia from Deadly Invasive Species and other background information can be found on our website: invasives.org.au.