

Position Description

Position Title	Green Industry Project Officer		
Reports To	Climate & Energy – Manager		
Division	Climate & Energy	Work Centre	Industrial and Policy
Location	Level 4, 365 Queen Street, Melbourne		
Classification	Level 5	Mode	Full-time – 11 month fixed term
Direct Reports	Nil	Date	April 2026

This position is responsible for advancing the ACTU's priorities on green industry policy, including:

- Delivering a Future Made in Australia by driving the implementation of existing green industry policy supports as well as winning new policy supports that overcome key remaining barriers to green industry build-out, including by increasing offtake demand.
- Ensuring that the scaling up of domestic green industry and manufacturing drives the creation of a new generation of union jobs, particularly in the regions at the forefront of the energy transition.
- Reducing emissions domestically and through our exports to ensure Australia makes a fair global contribution to a safer climate.
- This role will work closely with the ACTU's affiliated unions and trades and labour councils to win these priorities. The role will also require research and policy development, active and strategic collaboration with allies across civil society, and representing ACTU with external bodies and decision-makers.

Responsibilities & Selection Criteria

Responsibilities

- Working closely with relevant industrial and manufacturing unions, help formulate and lead the execution of the ACTU's strategy on accelerating green industry development and unionising these growing industries
- Coordinate and support trades and labour councils and relevant union branches to drive on-ground YIMBY ("yes in my backyard") campaigns advocating for the development of key green industrial projects
- Research and support the development of new policies and priorities to drive this acceleration and overcome barriers to build-out, including through a new iteration of the Sunshot green exports report
- Coordinate with civil society allies, primarily through the Australian Renewable Industry Alliance, to build support for above policies and priorities and educate key federal and state decision-makers. This may also involve coordination with union federations in Australia's key trading partner nations.
- Monitor and respond to relevant development in domestic and international green industry policy context to seize opportunities and minimise risks

Key Selection Criteria

- Excellent knowledge of and experience in advocating for policy or legislative change in climate change, energy or related policy areas, with a preference for specific experience or expertise regarding industry policy, green industry and manufacturing, and/or green trade. Ability to learn quickly about unfamiliar policy areas and formulate strategic analyses and proposals.
- Excellent ability to organise individuals and institutions around collective goals, develop a strategy in pursuit of those goals, and execute/coordinate a tactical campaign to win.
- Excellent political instincts, able to identify, anticipate, and solve problems and exercise discretion in a complex policy and political environment.

- Strong interpersonal skills, able to work effectively with a wide range of unionists, affiliates and allied organisations.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision, and to manage work priorities in a high-pressure environment.
- Good understanding of the ACTU, trade unions and industrial relations more generally.
- Passionately committed to the social justice values that animate the ACTU and the union movement.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent skills and experience.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Key Contacts	
Key Internal Contacts Legal, Research & Policy Work Centre All ACTU Work Centre's and Staff ACTU Leadership	External Contacts ACTU affiliates Other stakeholders' and relevant external parties.