



Expressions of Interest

Environmental Counsel to the Board of the Environment Protection Authority

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (**EPA**) is seeking expressions of interest from senior and junior counsel for appointment as Environmental Counsel to the EPA Board.

The EPA is the primary environmental regulator for NSW. We partner with business, government and the community to reduce pollution and waste, protect human health, and prevent degradation of the environment.

Under the *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991*, Environmental Counsel are practising barristers approved by the Minister for Energy and Environment and engaged by the EPA. The functions of Environmental Counsel include:

- advising the EPA Board in relation to proposed serious environment protection offences under legislation administered by the EPA, so that the Board can determine whether or not the EPA should prosecute those offences;
- advising the EPA Board on matters as requested; and
- appearing for the EPA in matters as instructed.

Expressions of interest close on **21 June 2019**.

To apply, please forward a short cover letter outlining your experience and interest in the role, together with a copy of your curriculum vitae to damon.anderson@epa.nsw.gov.au.

For further information regarding the role, please contact Mr Damon Anderson, Director Litigation, on 9995 5014 or via email damon.anderson@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Notes:

- Appointment as Environmental Counsel is without retainer and, in addition, the EPA is bound by: the NSW Attorney General's maximum rates, unless approval has been granted by the Attorney General to apply higher rates in accordance with Premier's Memorandum 2009-17 (<https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/legal-services-coordination/Pages/info-for-govt-agencies/attorney-generals-rates-for-legal-representation.aspx>); and the Department of Premier and Cabinet Circular 2018-06 *Briefing Senior Counsel*.
- The EPA has adopted the *NSW Government Equitable Briefing Policy for Women Barristers* which operates to entrench equitable briefing practices. We encourage applications from women barristers.
- Historically, at any one time the EPA has appointed a number of barristers to the position of Environmental Counsel and we intend to continue this practice.
- The EPA also engages barristers to appear and advise who have not been appointed as Environmental Counsel.

Further Information about the EPA:

- Information on the EPA's Board is available here <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/about-us/our-organisation/epa-board>
- The EPA's most recent annual report is available here <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/-/media/epa/corporate-site/resources/howeare/18p1232-annual-report-2017-18.pdf>
- News about the EPA is available here <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/news>