

# Position Description – Legal Counsel, Property

POSITION DETAILS	
<b>Department / Team:</b> Legal	<b>Reports to (title):</b> Senior Legal Counsel
<b># Direct Reports:</b> 0	<b># Indirect Reports:</b> 0
<b>Location:</b> Brisbane (Midtown)	<b>Salary Banding:</b> TRP

## THE CROSS RIVER RAIL PROJECT




Cross River Rail is a new 10.2km rail line including 5.9km of twin tunnels running under the Brisbane River and CBD that will unlock a bottleneck at the core of the rail network and will transform the way we travel across the whole of Southeast Queensland.

It will include four new underground stations – at Albert Street, Boggo Road, Roma Street and Woolloongabba - through the middle of Brisbane, provide new above-ground stations at the RNA Showgrounds and Dutton Park, upgrade six stations between Fairfield and Salisbury, deliver three new stations on the Gold Coast and introduce a new world-class signaling system to the wider SEQ rail network.

Once Cross River Rail is operational, journeys will be quicker, stations will be in more convenient locations and there will be capacity to increase train services as our population grows. Making public transport a more viable option for the whole region and helping to ease congestion on our roads.

Further Information: [www.crossriverrail.qld.gov.au](http://www.crossriverrail.qld.gov.au)

## OUR VALUES & BEHAVIOURS

 <p><b>WE COLLABORATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We treat each other with respect and speak up when this doesn't happen.</li> <li>• We share information to help everyone be successful.</li> <li>• We have honest conversations, no agendas or surprise.</li> <li>• We are curios, asking questions to understand.</li> <li>• We work through issues together and help each</li> </ul>	 <p><b>WE INNOVATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are inclusive, listening to and encouraging differing views.</li> <li>• We challenge and push the boundaries.</li> <li>• We apply and share our knowledge to do better.</li> <li>• We seize our opportunity to set new standards and benchmarks</li> </ul>	 <p><b>WE DELIVER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We act safely at all times.</li> <li>• We do what we say we will do and when we will do it.</li> <li>• We understand our individual role and how it fits in to the project's success.</li> <li>• We take responsibility for our work and speak up when we need help.</li> <li>• We are committed to continuous development and take every opportunity to review, learn and improve the way in which we are delivering the project</li> </ul>
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## ROLE OVERVIEW

The role of Legal Counsel, Property is to support the General Counsel and CRRDA Legal team protect the interests of the State and the CRRDA by providing expert, independent legal advice to the Minister, Board, Chief Executive Officer and staff of the CRRDA on property and tenure related issues involving or affecting the CRR Project, other 'transport related projects' prescribed under the under the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority Act 2016, Cross River Rail Priority Development Areas (Boggo Road, Woolloongabba, Albert Street and Roma Street) and the CRRDA.

The Legal Counsel, Property will join the small, high performing in-house Legal team at the CRRDA and report directly to a senior member of the existing team.

## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- To work in accordance with the Delivery Authority policies, procedures and safety requirements and demonstrate alignment with our values and behaviours.
- Lead and coordinate the provision of independent, cost effective, high quality, timely, solutions- focused and authoritative legal advice and services to the CRRDA on property and tenure issues involving or affecting the delivery of the CRR Project, other 'transport related projects' and Cross River Rail Priority Development Areas, whilst maintaining the professional and ethical standards of the profession and the public service.
- Partner with the Land team to support project delivery through establishing appropriate tenure arrangements, including the preparation and negotiation of property-related agreements and dealings, completing tenure correction and acquisition activities, coordinating land hand back processes following construction and proactively identifying and managing property-related legal risks.
- Become an expert on the property-related contractual arrangements for the CRR Project, other transport-related projects and Cross River Rail Priority Development Areas.
- Provide timely and accurate advice to the CRRDA regarding legal matters involving or impacting CRRDA's operations, including providing legal input to briefing papers and other communications.
- Promote and maximise the CRRDA's operational and commercial effectiveness and reputation.
- Assist the CRRDA to use the legal resources available to it in a fiscally sustainable manner.
- Manage, document and retain corporate legal knowledge for the CRRDA.
- Work with colleagues in other agencies and authorities to deliver outcomes that are in the best interests of the State and the CRR Project.

## KEY COMPETENCIES

**The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the following key competencies:**

- Property law experience across the public and/or private sectors, in particular relating to commercial development, transport, infrastructure and/or major projects, with a strong background in formulating effective legal solutions for complex matters related to project delivery.
- Experience and success in fostering legal compliance with commercial acumen, collaboration and active participation especially across multi-disciplinary teams.
- Experience with securing and amending tenure associated with major projects.
- Awareness of legislative and policy considerations relevant to project delivery and land acquisitions.
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills, self-motivated with exceptional time and practice management skills.

**Mandatory requirement:**

- Admitted or immediately entitled to be admitted as a legal practitioner of the Supreme Court of Queensland.