

Australian Council of Social Service

Position Description

Title of Position:	Senior Advisor -Climate and Energy (Level 6)
Term:	12 months fixed term with possibility of extension
Responsible to:	Program Director – Climate and Energy
Link to Strategic Plan :	Effective action to address climate change and improve energy affordability. Strategic Priority 1-3
Hours of work.	Full Time, Monday-Friday (36.75hrs per week)
Location	Sydney.
Salary:	ACOSS EBA Level 6 (6.1-6.4) (\$115,521.14 -\$ 124,403.64) * <i>*Dependent on skills and experience. ACOSS pay tables are indexed annually at the greater of 1.5% or any increase to the SCHADS Award</i>

Organisational Overview

The Australian Council of Social Service is a national advocate for people affected by poverty, disadvantage and inequality, and the peak body for community services nationally.

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The Senior Advisor -Climate and Energy works closely with the Program Director-Climate and Energy towards the following outcomes

- Fair fast and inclusive action on climate change
- Equitable and inclusive energy transition

Reporting to the Program Director -Climate and Energy and working within the ACOSS Policy and Advocacy Team, the Senior Advisor – Climate and Energy also contributes to the broader ACOSS policy and advocacy agenda, advises the leadership team directly, and represents ACOSS publicly including in parliamentary and other stakeholder meetings.

This role will drive policy development, undertake strategic advocacy, build and strengthen networks, foster collaboration, and produce research and publications.

Given the breadth of this portfolio, there is opportunity to tailor the focus of this role to play to the strengths of the successful applicant, with possible dominant focus on climate or energy, in ongoing consultation with the Program Director-Climate and Energy

Key Responsibilities

- Provides high level strategic policy and advocacy advice and develops innovative communications on fair, fast and inclusive climate change action and /or energy equity.
- Plays a significant role in setting outcomes in relation to ACOSS' agreed climate change and energy policy objectives, and devises strategies to achieve them.
- Undertakes high level of responsibility for major and complex work initiatives.
- Manages highly complex projects.

- Advocates and negotiates at a high level with Government and other relevant bodies and coordinates related activities to further ACOSS strategic objectives.
- Produces high level written submissions, publications, briefing papers and contributes to developing media releases and social media content.
- Working closely and respectfully with a diverse range of stakeholders including but not limited to ACOSS member organisations, external experts, energy sector, environment groups, business groups, unions, governments and government agencies and other relevant stakeholders to progress ACOSS policy agenda.
- Contributes to the organisational development of ACOSS.
- May coordinate consultancy services in policy, research, or communications.
- May supervise staff, volunteers and students as reasonably required.

Organisational and Human Relationships

Reports to:	Program Director – Climate and Energy
Works closely with:	Deputy CEO, CEO, Policy and Advocacy Team, Communications and Engagement Team

Selection Criteria

Essential

1. Demonstrated commitment to reducing poverty and inequality and treating all people with dignity and respect.
2. Relevant qualifications and specialist expertise in key policy areas impacting on people experiencing poverty and inequality, particularly in area of Climate and/or Energy.
3. A demonstrated pattern of high productivity and performance in policy and advocacy, including the ability to adapt strategy to a rapidly changing external policy and political environment.
4. Application of a high level of discipline knowledge, generally at tertiary level and with advanced skills.
5. Superior verbal and written communication skills.
6. Demonstrated experience and ability in facilitation and collaborating with a diverse range of stakeholders from governments and peak organisations to people directly affected and local community organisations.

Desirable

- Experience in undertaking surveys, data analysis and creating a compelling narrative of findings.
- Experience in playing a key role in advocacy campaign coordination
- Firsthand experience of living on income support or experience of working with people receiving income support.