

# Role Description

## General information

<b>Title:</b>	Senior Economics & Policy Officer			<b>Classification:</b>	AS07
<b>Division:</b>	Industry, Strategy and Partnerships	<b>Branch:</b>	Industry Partnerships and Intelligence	<b>Business Unit:</b>	Industry Development
<b>Type of Appointment:</b>	Ongoing	<b>Hours of Duty:</b>	37.5 hours per week	<b>Location</b> :	Adelaide CBD

## About us

South Australia is internationally recognised for the quality of its agriculture, food and wine. Our regions are the backbone of our state and the economic powerhouse that drives prosperity for all South Australians.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is a key economic development agency working in partnership with our primary industries, regional stakeholders and across all levels of government to advance the prosperity and sustainability of South Australia's primary industries and regional communities.

We are a passionate team of around 800 people working across metropolitan and regional South Australia to develop and protect our state's regions and food, wine, aquaculture, fisheries, forestry, grains, livestock, dairy and horticulture industries.

## Purpose

The Senior Economics & Policy Officer is part of the Industry Partnerships and Intelligence team with the Industry, Strategy and Partnerships Division.

The Industry, Strategy and Partnerships Division aims to grow the economic contribution of primary industries and agribusinesses through a market-driven approach to industry development. The position engages with all levels of government and industry, as well as the broader community, to develop strategies, policies and projects that support the state's economy and jobs. Through the position's strong industry networks, they will identify and facilitate actions to support industry and build its capability and increase its productivity. The position uses evidence-based policymaking principles across our work, including harnessing and analysing data and market insights to contribute to PIRSA-wide, state and national policies.

The Senior Economics & Policy Officer is responsible for providing high level economic analysis, policy development services and expert advice that contributes to the achievement of agency and government strategic goals, targets and priorities which relate to relevant PIRSA plans and strategies.

The key functions of the role include working across PIRSA to influence, guide, and provide expert and high-level support and coordination for, the prioritisation, development and implementation of PIRSA strategy and policy, which influences and supports the primary industries in becoming internationally competitive and underpins the long-term sustainability of the primary industries and economic growth in regions across the state.

## Key Accountabilities

- Economic and policy analysis leadership, services and advice is delivered, which contributes significantly to the achievement of agency and government strategic goals, targets and priorities for the sustainable and successful growth and development of South Australia's agribusiness and regions.
- Frameworks and methodologies in the key areas of monitoring and analysis in the economic environment in which the Agency operates are developed and implemented, in conjunction with PIRSA Divisions, to identify key risks to achieving policy or economic objectives.
- Economic and policy analysis, reports and briefing papers, relating to highly complex and critical issues, are coordinated and delivered to support evidence-based business cases, and economic modelling is conducted on proposed economic solutions to SA's economic
- PIRSA programs are expertly evaluated to identify, report on and recommend changes to strategies, plans and policy that supports the ongoing economic development of South Australia's primary industries and regional areas.
- High level input is made, through the provision of mentoring and expert guidance to staff, to support the successful achievement of politically sensitive and complex processes relating to economic policy outcomes across the Division, PIRSA and the Government.

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## Key Deliverables / Results

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extensive consultations and negotiations are conducted with, and expert consultancy is provided to, key stakeholders within the Agency and across government to ensure that potentially high risk and politically sensitive economic or policy issues and concerns are considered and managed.</li> <li>High level intelligence and advice is sourced, interpreted and provided to Ministers, the Chief Executive and other key stakeholders, in relation to the identification and analysis of opportunities, issues and trends that support critical policy and economic development functions.</li> <li>Expert input is provided into economic analyses associated with major projects and policy proposals, and high-level agency responses to state and national economic announcements and initiatives, which impacts the primary industries and regional South Australia, are coordinated and prepared.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expert representation is delivered across PIRSA, State Government and national forums, on high level committees and working parties, in order to expertly guide, influence and ensure the delivery of economic and policy outcomes that significantly support PIRSA's strategic objectives.</li> <li>Appropriate economic tools and methods, which are rigorous and innovative, are expertly applied to ensure that decisions made by Government are underpinned by an authoritative understanding of their economic implications for South Australian primary industries and the State economy.</li> </ul> |
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## Relationships

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports to the General Manager, Industry Partnerships and Intelligence</li> <li>Provides mentoring, guidance and support to other staff members</li> <li>Delivers high level membership and representation on industry, PIRSA and State Committees, Boards and Working Groups</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Builds strong working relationships with state and national government and industry stakeholders</li> <li>Fosters internal relationships across PIRSA Divisions and Executive</li> </ul> |
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## Requirements

- Possession of a current driver's license and willingness to drive
- Out of hours work and inter / intrastate travel may be required
- May be required to participate in emergency response activities as required
- You acknowledge your [work, health and safety obligations](#) and [our expectations](#)

## Qualifications

- Essential: An appropriate tertiary level qualification in Economics, Business or other relevant discipline.

## Capabilities

Capability	Behaviours
<p><b>Professional &amp; Technical Knowledge</b></p> <p>Demonstrates in-depth knowledge across all key areas of professional competence relevant to the role, with expert knowledge in economic and policy areas related to agribusiness and regional industry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has in-depth knowledge, expertise and grasp of economic development and policy related aspects of agribusiness industries, including business and industry development across the value chain.</li> <li>Possess a very high level of knowledge and expertise in providing specialist advice, services and delivering outcomes for economic and policy development in the agribusiness sector industries across regional South Australia.</li> <li>Shows competence and expertise when reviewing or designing policies, procedures and guidelines relevant to agribusiness industries.</li> <li>Has an extensive and in-depth knowledge of agribusiness industries, the major issues, culture, trends, developments, and their implications on State future directions.</li> <li>Takes responsibility for keeping abreast with current innovative techniques, technology and global movements in the agribusiness area and understands Government's role in the sustainable economic development of agribusiness industries.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Planning and Organising (Work Management)</b></p> <p>Demonstrates expertise in devising and driving the most difficult plans which have significant impact on the business.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinates plans collaboratively to utilise collective wisdom.</li> <li>• Delegates responsibilities effectively, establishing clear roles and feedback mechanisms.</li> <li>• Manages pressure associated with meeting multiple deadlines.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strategic Focus</b></p> <p>Maintains clear sense of strategic direction with national, state and local political contexts, persistently builds and sustains momentum and direction in an environment of ongoing change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates clear understanding of operating within the organisation's strategic plan and strategic objectives.</li> <li>• Builds the organisations capacity to realise its strategic goals.</li> <li>• Turns strategic decisions and imperatives into actionable plans.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Relationship Building / Maintaining</b></p> <p>Generates genuine partnerships, interacts confidently and employs astute perception with strong listening and questioning skills in complex or unfamiliar situations; able to relate to and communicate with people from diverse 'cultures', locations and ages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comfortable with personal and formal power, skillfully handling issues of power and rank in relationship.</li> <li>• Able to quickly and genuinely engage, and be engaging, with a wide range of people, issues and intensities of activity.</li> <li>• Meets people at their own level, using knowledge, skill and intuition to include, develop and extend them.</li> </ul>

<b>HRMS No:</b>	M26326	<b>ANZCO Code:</b>	<b>Objective ID:</b>	
<b>Delegate Approval:</b>	A/Executive Director, Industry, Strategy and Partnerships		<b>Date:</b>	March 2026
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