

Project Manager – Fairbairn Irrigation Network Ltd

- **Transition management**
- **Experience in water or irrigation**
- **Part-time contract**
- **Based in Emerald, Queensland**

Background

Emerald based Fairbairn Irrigation Network Ltd (FIN) is a not for profit company, established to negotiate with the Queensland Government on the transfer of irrigation distribution assets of the Nogoa MacKenzie channel scheme to local management.

Negotiations are currently in the final stages, and a Project Manager is sought to oversee the process of moving a government owned business (currently part of SunWater) to private enterprise.

With a targeted transition date of 30 November 2018, subject to shareholder approval, preparations for the transfer have commenced. As part of the transition:

- the scheme assets, including the pipelines, channels and drains, will transfer to FIN
- existing local SunWater employees will transfer to FIN
- existing customers of the scheme will become shareholders in FIN (if they chose to accept the offer)
- FIN will assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the scheme, including the supply of water to customers.

Fairbairn Irrigation Network

The Emerald channel distribution system services an area approximately 15,000 hectares, with about 150 irrigators plus peri-urban water allocation holders. Over 83,200 ML of water is diverted from the Fairbairn Dam into two channel systems to customers, via a 126km network of mostly open-earth channels. Irrigated crops grown include cotton, cereals, citrus and other horticulture.

About the Role

The Project Manager will report directly to the Chair and Board of FIN, and will be responsible for preparing FIN for the transition to local management. The Project Manager may draw on support from LMA Support Services Pty Ltd, a SPV set up and funded by the State Government to assist Irrigation Schemes such as FIN, transition to customer ownership see: <http://lmairrigation.com.au>

The project manager will perform the following services:

- Transition planning and management
- Functional gap assessment to identify post transition functions, services and equipment gaps
- Identifying systems, services & equipment solutions
- Review and tailoring or development of FIN's policies and procedures
- Verification of asset and information transfers

- Board support, including obtaining necessary approvals, regular progress reporting, risk assessment and cost tracking
- Other transition activities as identified by the Chair

Preferred skills

It is envisaged that the successful individual will have significant project management skills, and experience in water supply and irrigation schemes. Other preferred skills include:

- Transition planning and implementation
- Systems procurement & implementation
- Financial management
- Contract negotiations for services and other arrangements
- Change management – people, policies & procedures

Duration and remuneration

The position is for 3 days per week (negotiable) and the initial contract will be for a period of 6 months, with the possibility of an extension. An immediate start is preferred.

Remuneration will be commensurate with experience, with a daily rate to be negotiated.

More information on the local management process is available at:

www.lmairrigation.com.au

How to apply

Email your resume with covering letter (including your quoted daily rate) to

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