

What are you planning to do after you finish uni this year?

If making the most of your studies and gaining some work experience or starting your professional career is part of what you want to do, I might be able to help and I'd like to speak to you.

My name is Jerom Hurley. I represent the Department for Planning and Infrastructure; based in Geraldton and responsible for a broad range of planning projects in the Central Regions team (Mid West and Gascoyne). The DPI has planners based in Geraldton, Carnarvon and Perth who undertake DPI's planning responsibilities in the Central Regions. The DPI is the State's peak planning agency and is the largest employer of planners in WA.

There is currently a job opportunity in the Central Regions team Geraldton office. Working in this position, you would be helping the Central Regions team undertake its full range of planning responsibilities in the Mid West and Gascoyne. Your core work responsibilities would be:

- **interpreting and implementing State and regional planning policy;**
- **relating strategic planning policies and principles to planning proposals;**
- **consulting with other Govt departments, service providers, LG planners and consultants and advising the public on planning matters;**
- **problem solving; and**
- **reporting to the Western Australian Planning Commission on subdivision applications.**

You will be working with experienced planners who can help you 'find your feet' and develop your skills and knowledge in the planning profession but you will also be able to take responsibility for your own work once you get the hang of things. You will be working in a dynamic environment and a motivated team where you will get the opportunity to be involved in a range of projects associated with working in the WA planning system.

For anyone thinking of getting out of the City, Geraldton offers great opportunities for planners wanting to gain a diversity of planning experience. The weather and people are warm, it's a regional centre with plenty of development happening around the place and if you're into coastal lifestyle, you'll love it! It's got the best of both worlds.

So if any of this interests you and you want to find out a bit more about what's on offer and whether that fits in with where you're going with your career, I'd really like to hear from you.

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