

Certification Scheme Ecological Consultants in NSW

The establishment of a Certified Practising Ecological Consultant (CPEC) scheme is being led by the Ecological Consultants Association of NSW Inc., with input from the Office of Environment & Heritage. Its primary objectives are to:

1. Facilitate professional recognition for those involved in ecological assessment;
2. Establish a high standard of practicing ecological assessment in NSW;
3. Provide planning authorities and communities with a high level of confidence in ecological assessments prepared by CPEC; and
4. Promote the development of a viable ecological survey and assessment industry.

A Certified Practising Ecological Consultant (CPEC) will be recognised by the industry, government authorities and the community as **ethical, experienced, respected** within the industry, **licenced** and **insured**.

To qualify to become a CPEC you will be required to meet the requisite competency criteria:

- Have at least five years of consulting experience in a relevant ecological field during the past 10 years.
- Commit to ongoing professional development (Information Sheet 1: Ongoing Professional Development) and demonstrate commitment to maintaining an appropriate understanding of current and scientifically robust ecological assessment methodologies.
- Demonstrate that you are respected by peers within the ecological consulting industry by the provision of two recommendations from full members of the ECA NSW, and two from within the applicant's area(s) of particular interest.
- Provide a written statement of 500 words outlining your career achievements and particular ecological interests. (Attendance at a meeting with the review panel maybe requested on a case by case basis).
- Provide evidence of appropriate licences and approvals to undertake ecological work in NSW and carry Professional Indemnity Insurance applicable for your area of consulting.
- Be willing to Sign the ECA (NSW) Code of Business Practice, Professional Conduct and Ethics and to uphold the beliefs as set out in these documents.

The CPEC scheme is set to launch in January 2016.

ECA NSW will be providing more information relating to application dates later in the year via email and our website.

In the meantime if you have comments or questions to

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