



# Environmental Defenders Office

## Toxic Torts & Class Action Lawyer

**Seniority:** We will consider candidates with 6 years + POA experience

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience

**Location:** Open to candidates Australia wide

### The opportunity:

The Environmental Defenders Office has an opportunity for a mid-senior level toxic tort or class actions lawyer. This is an opportunity to lead work on challenging, career-defining legal cases and make a difference on some of the greatest issues of our time.

### We are:

We are a national public interest environmental law organisation, the largest in Australia Pacific. Over our 35-year history we've developed a formidable track record of empowering communities and delivering effective protection of the environment through legal services.

With the 8 Environmental Defenders Offices around Australia merging in late 2019, we are now entering a period of substantial growth necessary to meet the growing demands of the public for public interest legal services to address environmental and public health issues such as climate change.

We can see a future in which Australia's environmental laws protect our communities from pollution, prevent extinction and restore our degraded landscapes. We see a future where Australia's laws protect future generations, providing a framework for a safe and habitable climate.

We play a crucial role in achieving that vision using legal expertise to empower communities and protect our environment. Through legal advocacy, litigation and community education, we are an organisation driven by environmental justice for people and passion for nature.

We provide the people of Australia with the assistance they need to defend people, place and culture. We offer a range of legal services, including:

- A national skilled team of lawyers able to assist clients with preliminary advice through to court cases and other representation, on a wide range of subject matter areas.
- A network of scientists and other professionals providing input on environmental law issues.



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- Community educators skilled in providing the resources needed to allow Australians to understand the law and participate in legal processes to protect the environment.

We are committed to providing a workplace based on diversity, inclusion and flexibility. We are happy to discuss how we might structure this role flexibly to suit you.

## **Candidate profile:**

We're looking for a strategic thinker, someone who can demonstrate an ability to think outside the box and deliver effective results for clients. You will need to be enthusiastic, flexible and have the maturity to work autonomously on major pieces of litigation. We're looking to hire a strong, passionate litigator looking to make their mark on the issues of our time.

At a personal level you will be comfortable working with our distributed team across Australia, regardless of where you may be based.

## **Your experience/background:**

- A lawyer with several years of litigation and advisory experience in tort-based claims or other forms of class action.
- A solid understanding of liability claims under common law and statutory liability schemes.
- Experience working in mass torts and consumer class actions (highly desirable).
- Experience of regulatory investigations.
- Thorough research skills and experience working with expert witnesses.
- An ability to synthesise and analyse medical, scientific and historical evidence and data.
- Confident handling complex litigation.
- Seeking to use your talents to address issues of great purpose.

## **How to Apply:**

Send a brief Expression of Interest and CV to Georgie Murch, Executive Assistant, at [georgie.murch@edo.org.au](mailto:georgie.murch@edo.org.au) with "Toxic Tort & Class Action Lawyer" in the subject line.

**Deadline:** Rolling.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders encouraged to apply