POSTGRADUATE LEGAL RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY
CRC FOR WATER SENSITIVE CITIES

PROJECT A3.2:
BETTER REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS FOR
WATER SENSITIVE CITIES

Here is a special opportunity to be a postgraduate legal researcher with the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities: http://watersensitivecities.org.au/.

UWA is one of three Universities leading the CRC. The UWA Law School’s involvement is led by Associate Professor Alex Gardner, a scholar of natural resources and environmental law.

Alex is participating in Project A3.2 on Better Regulatory Frameworks for Water Sensitive Cities, being undertaken by an interdisciplinary team of lawyers and social scientists, led from Monash University Faculty of Law by Professors Graeme Hodge, Arie Freiberg and Pam O’Connor.

The researcher will work at the UWA Faculty of Law under Alex’s direct supervision on a topic to be defined in consultation with Alex. The topic could relate to issues of regulatory reform for water supply planning and demand management in urban areas, including the development of alternative water sources (recycled waste water and storm water), public and private provision of water services, integrated land and water management and adaptation to climate change. The project is a fascinating opportunity to address practical research problems through the interaction of numerous fields of law (water law, land use law, health law, environmental protection law, competition and consumer law, not to mention administrative law and regulatory theory), all within an interdisciplinary research centre engaged with industry and government.

Applicants for this research position will apply to do a PhD or LLM by research and should apply for a postgraduate research scholarship by 31 October 2014. If successful in these applications, the researcher will receive a generous supplementary CRC scholarship and research operating expenses, and should plan to commence in early 2015.

The researcher may also have the chance to participate in a new project of interdisciplinary collaboration on water resources research with a leading American University.

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