

Helping to drive the Early Appropriate Guilty Plea Reform

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The Early Appropriate Guilty Pleas Project team is interested in hearing from people who are keen to become an integral part of the team tasked with reform implementation.

The EAGP reform will generate significant efficiency: by processing more matters faster, reducing wasted costs associated with late guilty pleas, reducing the proportion of contested trials, and fundamentally changing the way that criminal matters are managed within the criminal justice system.

Today a call for Expressions of Interest has been issued by the Solicitor for Public Prosecutions and EAGP Business Sponsor, Craig Hyland, to Crown Prosecutors and employees of the ODPP.

"If you are motivated to help review and reshape the way we work at the ODPP, and you think your skills and practical experience could add value to the EAGP reform, then we'd like to hear from you," Craig said.

"The work to be undertaken in implementing successful reform will be challenging yet ultimately rewarding, as we move towards a different way of working aimed at reducing the delay in finalising criminal cases in the District Court.

"The EAGP reform changes are designed to 'front end' the management of criminal matters, with senior prosecution lawyers assessing cases, certifying the appropriate charge and 'triaging' matters from the start, all aimed at driving improvements in the quality of justice.

"How that happens in practical terms; and ensuring the right team structure is able to support new processes and procedures, will be the work of the project team," he said.

A number of positions are available on the project team, suitable for people with a range of interests, skills and levels of experience. Cabinet approved Project Funding is available to back-fill roles temporarily vacated due to inclusion in the project team.

Outside of the dedicated implementation team, there will be workshops held across the Office, providing an opportunity to engage and participate in the implementation of the Reform. As members of the team will be backfilled, there will be developmental opportunities for Legal and Administrative staff over the course of the implementation. Level 1 Lawyers, LDP clerks and administrative staff are encouraged to participate in the workshops and to apply for these temporary positions as they arise.

Please submit an expression of interest if you are available and interested in taking on a full-time role for a period of 6 to 12 months. Successful applicants should anticipate a start date at the end of July 2017.

Read the [full details](#) and submit your Expression of Interest by 4 July 2017.

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