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The Australasian Environmental Law Enforcement and Regulators Network

WHAT IS AELERT?

BACKGROUND

The **Australasian Environmental Law Enforcement and Regulators Network (AELERT)** is a network of agencies with environmental, planning, heritage and public health responsibilities. Its aim is to build relationships between jurisdictions to facilitate the sharing of information and improve the regulatory compliance capacity of member agencies. It also seeks to develop national standards for training and best practice in environmental regulation.

AELERT functions at two levels: the Australasian level (Tier 1) and within individual jurisdictions (Tier 2).

AELERT Vision

AELERT is a respected and internationally relevant network that plays an important role in securing a sustainable Australasia through the advancement of best-practice environmental regulation.

AELERT'S MISSION

To advance environmental sustainability by helping environmental regulators achieve best practice through promotion of inter-agency cooperation, cross-pollination of expertise, and the provision of a cooperative forum to raise professional standards in the administration of environmental law.

OBJECTIVES

AELERT's overall objective is to support government and community efforts to protect the environment and support ecological sustainability.

AELERT does this through:

Improving Operational Effectiveness

- § Creating gateways for liaison and cooperation between member agencies.
- § Assisting member agencies to formalise relationships.
- § Establishing mechanisms for sharing information.

Enhancing Regulatory Compliance Capacity

- § Establishing competency and training standards and promote professional development for staff.
- § Facilitating the development and provision of nationally accredited and internationally recognised training.
- § Establishing best practice standards to undertake strategic compliance activities and on the use of regulatory methods of intelligence, science, technology and expert evidence.

Promoting Consistency of Approach to Operational Regulatory Reform

- § Assisting member agencies deliver their legislative objectives.
- § Reduce unnecessary impediments to cross-jurisdictional compliance and enforcement actions.
- § Promoting nationally consistent approaches to compliance and enforcement
- § Forming beneficial associations with other organisations that may assist in advancing these objectives.





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MEMBERSHIP

AELERT has two forms of membership:

Full Membership of AELERT is open to any Government agency in Australasia with environmental regulatory responsibilities.

Affiliate Membership may be granted at the discretion of the AELERT Steering Committee. Eligible organisations may include:

- § Government agencies without environmental regulatory responsibilities, but for whom engagement with AELERT may be mutually beneficial; and
- § Academic institutions whose engagement may further the objectives of AELERT.

Membership of AELERT is free for member agencies. Participation at AELERT events or involvement in AELERT projects may involve costs to individual participants.

The AELERT Secretariat Project Officer role is funded through arrangements under the Environment and Heritage Protection Standing Council (EPHSC), following the standard COAG funding arrangements.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

AELERT Members Agencies have access to a range of activities, events and resources, including:

- § AELERT Conference
- § Specialised training courses
 - AELERT tailored Diploma and Certificate IV courses in Statutory Compliance and Investigations
- § Joint and cross-border operations
- § Better practice regulatory comparisons, case studies and guidance
- § Comparative legislative powers and provisions
- § Access to commodity, sectoral or jurisdiction specific workshops, and training

STANDING EVENTS

Standing events held for AELERT Member Agencies, include:

- § **Second Tier (Jurisdictional) Forums**
Contact your Jurisdictional Representative to find out more.
- § **AELERT Diploma in Government (Investigations)**
Hosted at various locations around Australia.
- § **Annual AELERT Conference**
Rotated around states on a yearly basis

More AELERT Events will be organised through the year. Check the AELERT Website, contact your Jurisdictional Representative or the AELERT Secretariat for additional details.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about AELERT, contact the AELERT Secretariat via email at secretariat@aelert.com.au or by telephone on (02) 6274 2259.

