Technical, Scientific & Regulatory Affairs Manager

The Australian Beverages Council Ltd (ABCL) is the peak body representing the collective interests of the non-alcoholic refreshment beverages industry in Australia. Our Members include manufacturers and distributors of carbonated regular and diet soft drinks, energy drinks, sports and isotonic drinks, bottled and packaged waters, fruit juice and fruit drinks, cordials, iced teas, and ready-to-drink coffees, along with suppliers of good and services to the industry.

With over 70 years of history, we offer a powerful, unified voice for our industry, with our presence extending beyond individual companies in promoting the fairness of standards, regulations, and policies concerning our sector. Our overarching aim is to ensure our industry can grow in an open market, free from unnecessary regulations and recognizing the important role that beverages play in the diet.

With a shifting focus towards more robust food science and evidence-based advocacy, policy development and representation, we are looking to enhance the skills-set within the ABCL head office. This capability uplift will include a greater focus on the following skills as part of the role:

- Beverage (food) science and technological applications for improved R&D and to support the development of new and improved beverage products;
- Analysing the chemical and physical properties of substances in beverages and providing appropriate guidance to other staff and Members;
- Developing study methodologies and coordinating and supervising research to inform the role of functional and other beverages in the diet;
- Analysing beverage (food) research findings, testing the reliability of research outcomes and developing interpretive and application reports;
- Working with leaders and other stakeholders in Scientific and Regulatory Affairs to test beverage (food) products for flavour, colour, taste, texture and nutritional content;
- Providing guidance on testing and risk of contaminants, such as mycotoxins, in the context of the Australian regulatory framework and with reference to Codex Alimentarius;
- Advising beverage processing, packaging and supply chain logistics;
- Developing quality assurance policies and procedures with respect to all beverages, particularly bottled water sourcing and processing;

- Developing new and improved existing beverage (food) products by supporting Member companies, and helping to set standards for producing, packaging and marketing food in Australia.

The successful candidate must have two to five years' experience and a level of skill commensurate with a bachelor degree or higher qualification.

The role is best suited to someone with qualifications in food/beverage technology, food quality, food science, safety and nutrition, or another highly relevant science-based degree.

This role will be required to drive submissions and engage with a range of stakeholders including governments and Food Standards Australia and New Zealand. The role also calls for informed, detailed support to our Members, to assist them particularly with their compliance obligations and ensuring a suitable regulatory environment for new product development.

The Technical, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs Manager will have a genuinely exciting and extremely diverse role. As part of our small team, you will work with industry specialists from Australia's major beverage companies who make up our various committees include scientists, food technologists, chemists, technical experts and regulatory affairs specialists. You will represent our proud organisation in various fora, and will be our leading expert on technical, science and regulatory matters. If you are looking for a challenging and supportive role to grow your industry exposure, then this is the role for you.

For the purposes of skilled immigration, this occupation is commensurate with tasks under the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations [ANZSCO] code 234212 – Food Technologist/Food Scientist.

This is a full-time role with a competitive

remuneration package (base salary between 85,000 and 95,000 plus superannuation) and is based in our office in Sydney.

To apply send your CV and a covering letter (three pages maximum) to info@ausbev.org

If you would like to discuss the role or have any questions, please contact Mr Shae Courtney, Senior Manager – Corporate Affairs, on 0420 736 136 or via Shae@ausbev.org