



Vacancy: Smart Approved WaterMark Expert Panel Member

Smart Approved WaterMark has a vacancy for an Expert Panel member with a sound understanding of (the nursery/horticultural/gardening industry) in Australia. A background in media would be considered advantageous.

Smart Approved WaterMark's Expert Panel

Smart Approved WaterMark is Australia's water efficiency certification scheme for products and services that help to reduce water use.

The Independent Technical Expert Panel assesses applications to the Smart Approved WaterMark scheme against a set of published criteria. Panel Members review applications, analyse information and decide whether the product or service will lead to a reduction in water consumption or improved water efficiency.

The Panel meets every quarter (three online meetings and one face to face). From time to time panel members may be asked to participate in sub committees to help prepare guidelines on specific topics to help the Panel make decisions and to help guide applicants.

A stipend is paid to Expert Panel Members and expenses incurred in carrying out the role are reimbursed.

Skills required

- Demonstrated extensive experience in the nursery/horticultural industry.
- Experience in the media either broadcast, print or online.
- Experience in dealing with application-based schemes would be advantageous.
- A sound understanding of the issues facing the water industry in Australia, along with industry, retail and consumer needs.

Desirable skills

- A degree of recognition at a state and/or national level.
- A demonstrated commitment to water conservation.

How to apply?

If you would like to be considered for a place on the Expert Panel, please send your CV and covering letter to Chris Philpot, CEO, Smart Approved WaterMark.

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Smart Approved WaterMark Independent Technical Expert Panel

Terms of Reference

The Smart Approved WaterMark (SAWM) Independent Technical Expert Panel assesses the applications of products and services seeking SAWM certification.

Expert Panel members receive a sitting fee¹ and are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in executing their duties. Membership of the Expert Panel may be terminated by Smart Approved WaterMark or Expert Panel member with one month's written notice by either party.

Role & Responsibilities:

The role and responsibilities of the Expert Panel include:

1. Accessing applications from product manufacturers and service providers seeking to receive the Smart Approved WaterMark certification.
2. Making decisions by consensus.
3. Applying the criteria to all applications and recommending any changes to the criteria as appropriate.
4. Requesting further information from applicants – if there is insufficient information available upon which to make a decision.
5. Rejecting or withdrawing licenses when agreed by the Expert Panel –, ensuring that the reasons for any such decision are shared with applicants or participating companies.
6. Working together with Panel members to develop testing guidelines where necessary.
7. Attending meetings of the Expert Panel, either in person, online or by email (at minimum four meetings per year).
8. Respecting the confidentiality of discussions and outcomes within the Expert Panel and accepting the final decisions.
9. Declaring any potential conflict of interest and abstain from the decision-making process before the panel discusses such an item.
10. Reviewing and modifying accreditation criteria as required, and implement.

¹ The sitting fee is dependent on the number of applications reviewed per session and may vary from \$2000 to up to \$6,000 per annum.