CHALK & BEHRENDT
LAWYERS & CONSULTANTS

Senior lawyer – full-time
Boutique Surry Hills (Sydney) practice

Chalk & Behrendt is a profit-for-purpose, specialist legal practice with an unparalleled reputation in acting for Indigenous Australians and their organisations in areas that include land rights, native title, cultural heritage, agreement-making, environmental and planning law, clean energy, administrative law, business formation, governance and compliance, policy development, conflict management and dispute resolution. We also act for non-Indigenous clients, particularly where there is an alignment with our vision and values. We are an incorporated practice currently employing around 20 people, 8 of whom are directors.

The Chalk & Behrendt workplace is harmonious and collegiate, the relationships with our clients rewarding, and the friendships between current and former staff are strong. As a values-based organisation, we are passionate about offering a work environment which supports the needs and aspirations of our people as well as our clients. A number of our people have engaged successfully with the hybrid working model.

Recent and planned developments have resulted in an exciting opportunity for an experienced lawyer to join the practice. The role will have a primary focus on agreement-making. Governance, commercial, property, and clean energy work but is also likely to be involved in Aboriginal land rights and native title claims work.

The successful candidate is likely to have:

- at least 3 years' post-qualification experience, with the majority of that experience in corporate/commercial and/or property work
- experience in native title claims and agreement-making and/or clean energy transactions (an advantage, but not essential)
- experience in supervising and managing more junior staff
- excellent written and oral communication skills, with the ability to communicate with people at all levels and with diverse backgrounds
- a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively.

Candidates with experience working in community and/or who share the firm's values will be highly regarded. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close on 16 October 2026. Please send your resumé and a short covering letter to jplatt@chalkbehrendt.com.au or, for a confidential discussion, call Louise Mallon on (02) 9231 4544.

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