

# A Day in the Life of Environmental Consultant



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Years at JBS&G: **3 years and 10 months**

## Why I Chose JBS&G

Prior to working with JBS&G, I was working as a geologist and I wanted to make the career change from geology to environmental consultancy.

## What My Week Typically Looks Like

Every day and week is different, but a typical week would involve office based work including client meetings / liaison, internal team meetings, report writing, and a short field trip once a year.

## Example Day Snapshot

First thing in the morning I check emails (especially noting if anything urgent has popped up). Then I work on projects throughout the day, ranging from 1-3 projects depending on priorities. This may include:

- Drafting chapters for reports or updating chapters that have been reviewed by senior team members
- Liaising with other internal teams (e.g. with Digital team for maps /GIS or Consentium for stakeholder engagement)
- Quick check of the budgets and progress of projects I am managing.

During the day there may be an internal meeting with my team or an external client meeting. I close out the day by checking all deliverables have been completed and make a to-do list for tomorrow.

## The Types of Projects I Work On

- My main area is approvals under the Mining Act. This has included working on approvals for exploration activities (exploration program for environment protection) and mining activities (scoping, mining lease applications, program for environment protection and rehabilitation and change in operations).

- I have also gained experience in approvals under other Acts including the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act, Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act and Energy Resources Act.

- I am the project manager for the environmental approvals of a BESS and Solar Project under the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act.

## What Surprised Me Most

The range of projects that JBS&G work on within the Assessment and Approvals team. Also the level of collaboration with interstate offices.

## How I'm Developing

- Gaining new experience under different Acts
- Getting the opportunity to work on a project in Antarctica for three months
- The Adelaide Assessments and Approvals team has a wealth of experience to gain from, so working on different projects with different senior team members provides a lot of development opportunities.

## What Makes This Role Rewarding

The people you work with make such a big difference to work life as you spend so much time with them and the people at JBS&G are great to work with and make you want to come into the office every day.

The range of projects and expertise in the office creates many different opportunities and engaging work.

## Advice for Future Graduates

Take the opportunities when they come your way and make sure your manager knows what you want for your career. Don't just assume things will progress as you want them to - be proactive.



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