



*Warning: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should note that this video may contain images and voices of persons who have passed away.*

Allan Holmes, Chief Executive:

Hi, I'm Allan Holmes, Chief Executive of the Department for Environment and Heritage, and I would like to welcome you to our organisation.

This is a fantastic place to work.

Everyday I get great enjoyment, great satisfaction in working in this place because it's about doing something positive in our society, it's about doing something for our the environment for now and the long term.

Elijah Bravington, Project Officer:

Working for the Department for Environment and Heritage, it gives me that sense of purpose. I've constantly looked at ways of being of benefit towards the community. It helps me come to work every day knowing that I'm doing something I believe in. I strongly believe in it, the environment to me is second to none.

Allan Holmes:

We're really interested in attracting all sorts of different people to our organisation.

Elijah Bravington:

Well I first became involved with the Department for Environment and Heritage in about 2003, they had a traineeship up for grabs. I successfully completed that, and they thought "Well, let's try him on the next step and put him into a cadetship." Having got that cadetship I went on to study Biodiversity and Conservation at Flinders University. Being a part of that cadetship I was also offered a base wage to work off while I was studying which made it particularly helpful.

Leanne Liddle, Aboriginal Wildlife Programs Coordinator:

"Kuka Kanyini" is a Pitjantjatjara word which loosely translated into English means "*looking after game animals.*" But it's a lot more than that, it actually looks at improving people's emotional and physical wellbeing using land management as the basis. We're actually providing real employment for Aboriginal people. These people are experts in their field, and we're utilising that resource and producing the outcomes that we need at the end of the day.

I think the project Kuka Kanyini is really important because I see some of the young children coming up to me and saying they'd really like to do my job when they get older. It's a unique project and the department's done really well to embrace it. I value the department in that they've tried something



new. I try to encourage a lot of Indigenous people out there to see what we've got to offer.

If you look at Aboriginal history and their relationship with the land and their interaction with the land, you're looking at over 40,000 years. I'm really glad that the Department for Environment and Heritage values that, and translates that into a project that really has successful outcomes.

Allan Holmes:

Our department's one where there are many, many career paths. And if you start as a junior in the administrative area, if you start as a young scientist or if you start as an IT specialist, you can see the multiple paths that you could follow in our organisation. If you want to come to South Australia, if you want to work in a great organisation that's there to look after the environment for us, and future generations then this is the place for you.

Elijah Bravington:

The future is what you make of it.

I mean, the sky could be the limit. Who knows, I might end up as CE one day!

*The Department for Environment and Heritage is an equal opportunity employer. The Department welcomes all skilled people to help deliver our goals, including women, Aboriginal people and Torres Straight Island, people with disability, and people from different cultural background*