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Role: Environment and Community Officer

Company: Yancoal Australia

Home location: Central Queensland

Work location: Yarrabee Mine

How long have you worked in the resources industry?

I have worked in the resources industry for two years, building experience across environmental compliance, monitoring and reporting. In that time, I have had the opportunity to take ownership of key compliance activities and contribute to responsible and sustainable mining operations.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy the variety and the responsibility that comes with the role. Every day brings different challenges and the opportunity to work with a wide range of people across the business.

What's something people wouldn't expect about your role?

Many people are surprised by the diversity of the environmental role. It is a balance between being out in the field conducting inspections, working with operational teams and contractors, and then using the information gathered to support compliance reporting and environmental approvals to help ensure work is carried out responsibly and in line with environmental requirements.

Where do you live and what do you love about your community?

I live in Central Queensland and really enjoy the sense of community that comes with living in a regional town. People know each other, look out for one another, and it is a great place to call home.

What drew you to the industry and what's kept you here?

I was initially drawn to the industry because of the opportunities it offered and the chance to work in a hands-on, high-impact environment. What has kept me here is seeing how good environmental management and responsible resource development can work together to deliver positive outcomes.

What does a typical day look like?

No two days are the same; one day I might be out conducting field inspections or environmental monitoring, another day preparing compliance reports or coordinating contractors, and the next attending a community event or helping to protect and manage wildlife on site.

Why do you think the resources sector matters to Queensland?

It creates opportunities for people and helps regional communities thrive. I have seen the positive impact it can have, not just through employment, but also through the people and businesses it supports.

What are you passionate about inside or outside of work?

I am passionate about continuous learning and challenging myself to grow, both professionally and personally. I also enjoy spending time outdoors and appreciate having a career that allows me to work closely with the environment.

What's something you're proud of professionally or personally?

It is rewarding to contribute to work that balances environmental responsibility with community outcomes. Personally, I am grateful for the journey that has brought me to where I am today, and I hope my story encourages others to see that there are opportunities to build meaningful and rewarding careers in the resources industry.

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