

2009 GRADUATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROFILES

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Why did you choose RET?

I chose RET because I was interested in applying the knowledge I had gained at university about energy systems and policy mechanisms. With the current developments occurring within the energy and resources sector I felt it was a great time to join the department to become involved with the issues facing these sectors.

How did you benefit from the Graduate Development Program?

I gained experience working in a professional team environment with people from differing backgrounds. The experience I gained in the field of stakeholder consultation was also of great benefit.

Most memorable moment in the Graduate Development Program?

Participating in two Energy Efficiency Opportunity Industry Workshops during my first rotation, and being able to assist with a formal presentation.

What would you tell others considering the Graduate Development Program?

It's a great introduction to working within the Australian Public Service and particularly within the subject areas of Resources, Energy and Tourism, the knowledge and skills that are developed throughout the program are not just relevant to the work of the Department but are valuable skills for the entirety of one's professional career.