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Whose job is it?

Date: **As at July 2010**

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Job title: **Project Engineer**

Professional qualification: **Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)**

What do you do in your job on the Enlarged Cotter Dam project?

I work in the Structures team which involves construction planning, scheduling, procurement of materials and day to day liaising with the Site Foreman to manage the job and tackle any problems that may arise.

How did you get involved in your job?

I wanted to work in construction so I studied a Civil engineering degree which gave me a broad knowledge of all the disciplines such as water, structural, geotechnical, transport and construction management.

If a student were interested in doing what you do, how could they get involved?

Do plenty of research on the internet as to the vast array of career paths and the types of projects within civil engineering and then try and get a work placement as a part of the work experience placement.

Can you give some examples of where else you can do your job?

Civil engineering is a ticket to travel anywhere in the world. It is a very challenging yet satisfying career choice. Civil engineers are found typically in design offices across the many disciplines mentioned above and they are also found on construction sites managing and assisting in solving the problems that arise. The best thing is that no two projects are the same so you can be guaranteed work variability from project to project.