

Really, Is This THE Cutest Job Ever?



The tourism board of the Australian state of Tasmania is recruiting for a unique position, on the hunt for someone to take the mantle of Chief Wombat Cuddler.

The Tasmanian tourism body launched the search after a video of an orphaned wombat joey, known as Derek went viral, racking up hundreds of thousands of views in just a few days.

The video featured little Derek galloping along a stretch of Flinders Island's remote beach, off the coast of Tasmania.

Wombat carer Kate Moone, known as the Wombat Lady of Flinders Island, has adopted Derek and cares for him full time after finding him in his mother's pouch after she was hit by a car.

The Chief Wombat Cuddler is a position only open to Australian residents and entrants must detail "why you're the best person to fill the role of Chief Wombat Cuddler" in order to apply.

The advertisement states: "Non-cuddlers need not apply." Entries are open until April 16.

However Chief Wombat Cuddler could face some cute competition, with China's Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre recently recruiting panda huggers!