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Joined the Institute in 2006

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*What prompted you to join EIANZ?*

EIANZ provided the recognition of environmental scientist as a profession that didn’t exist at the time. It provided a forum for discussion of important environmental issues.

*What do you value most about being a member?*

The opportunity to network with fellow environmental professionals and the CEnvP program.

*Has being a member helped you develop mentoring relationships and/or extend your professional networks? Can you tell us about the impact these relationships have had on your career development?*

Being a member has certainly extended my professional network. This has allowed me to work with people I wouldn’t have known any other way and participate in a wide variety of projects. This has furthered my career through recommendations to potential clients and provided the opportunity for me to participate as a specialist in larger teams based across multiple agencies and companies.

*What do you find most rewarding about a career in the environment sector?*

Waking up every day knowing I’m making an investment in my children’s future by managing, protecting and enhancing the environment. Currently I’m working in the renewable energy sector which is a very exciting space to be in.

*What advice would you give to recent graduates just starting out in the environment sector?*

Get broad skills. Embrace technology but don’t be a slave to it but, learn the old-fashioned way of doing things before GPS, Google and the web existed. Don’t expect to start at the top of the tree and ask plenty of questions.