

Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Inc.

## CITATION Honorary Life Membership



**DIANNE BUCHAN** 

Di has been an active member of the Institute for almost two decades. When people think of the New Zealand Chapter, they think of Di.

Her achievements and contributions to the Institute have been substantial and are ongoing. Di has had a significant influence on the New Zealand chapter of the Institute, from her home Wellington region and beyond, including playing a key role in delivering two Institute conferences. Across the Institute, Di has had a massive impact, including through roles on the Institute Council and more recently on the Board as Vice-President (New Zealand). Currently, she serves on the Institute's Indigenous Engagement Working Group.

Di has been a strong advocate and champion for the environment sector and environmental practitioners, including through promoting the Certified Environmental Practitioner scheme. She has been particularly supportive of women and young people in the environment sector, through providing mentoring and support.

For the environment more broadly, Di's influence and achievements have been significant. Her establishment of DB Environmental Trust is a great example of her commitment to real-world, local conservation efforts. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees Board of Energise Otaki and is Chair of the Friends of Otaki Rotunda Trust.

She has had over 30 years experience in social impact assessment of projects, programs and policies for local and central government, non-government organisations and the private sector. Her specialisations include the intersection of community and environmental issues.