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Abstract:

Having worked in the field of environmental impact assessment field for more than twenty years, I have noticed that the market segments (eg wastewater, site contamination, transport etc) which I have engaged in have changed significantly over time. However, the role and format of environmental impact assessment has changed very little. In this presentation I will examine whether the change in market segments is a result of government policy, opportunity, community expectation, other external forces or a combination of those aspects.

I will review policy responses and triggers at State and commonwealth levels, and test these assumptions by interviewing and or surveying senior practitioners in the environmental impact assessment profession across Australia. The format will be a personal perspective.