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ABSTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

Title: Conflicts of Interest: The Smell Test Identifying and managing conflicts of interest in the course of Environmental Practice

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Abstract:

The EIANZ recognises that compliance with its Code of Ethics is central to sound environmental practice. The Code explicitly directs environmental practitioners to- "avoid and manage conflicts of interest, and make all relevant parties aware when there is such conflict"

Identifying a conflict of interest is clearly vital but it is not always obvious. It involves understanding the underlying principles and recognising not only actual conflicts of interest but also the appearance of a conflict of interest. This often seems counter-intuitive. It may feel like an assault on one's integrity.

This paper sets out the principles that underpin this important duty. It then provides practical guidance in identifying and dealing with such conflicts through real life examples and scenarios.

Consistent with the theme of the Conference, the paper will provide knowledge and skills in the ethical and professional implementation of good practise. It will also assist in maintaining the good professional reputation of environmental practitioners.