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**2015 Election of PRESIDENT
Candidate Profiles**



NAME: Michael Chilcott

I've been a member of the Institute for 28 years, and have a passion for our professional association and its work. I have served as Divisional President (NSW) and, since 2008, as a member of the EIANZ Executive/Board . During my terms as President/Treasurer, EIANZ's membership and financial sustainability were strengthened, member services expanded, our code of ethics re-made, and a clear four year corporate plan developed - the first in many years.

The 2013 election and its deficiencies, confirmed by Council review, were personally disappointing. The participation of many members was constrained. Our work to grow and improve the EIANZ lost momentum.

I support recent EIANZ Governance revisions - a priority of our corporate plan. However key priorities have yet to be addressed.

I seek election to:

- ensure a stronger a focus on member services and value,
- strengthen EIANZ's relevance, to underpin a strong, proficient profession, and
- re-build membership and Institute sustainability.

I'm an experienced board member/Chair of NFP and private sector companies, and a graduate of the AICD Company Directors program. My on-going commitment is to collaborative leadership - essential to securing EIANZ's future. I thank members in advance for their support.



NAME: Jon Womersley

"A strong champion of an effective influential EIANZ, Jon seeks a continuing mandate to lead a professional association where:

- Institute membership is part of the pathway from education to leading environmental practitioner;
- Certified Environmental Practitioner status is recognised and valued by governments, industry, and the community; and
- Institute members develop and promote good practice environmental policy and standards across Australia and New Zealand.

"Under Jon's leadership, the foundations have been laid for effective governance and business management; there is more inclusive engagement with members; and the EIANZ role in policy development has been strengthened.

"Jon will lead the EIANZ to focus on:

- delivering tangible, relevant services to members;
- advocating the role of Certified Environmental Practitioners;
- implementing a scheme for accreditation of environmental degrees; and
- having an influential public profile and 'trusted adviser' role in environmental policy development.

"A skilled and experienced strategic thinker and leader of organisations, including as president and board member of not-for-profit organisations; Jon brings senior public and private sector environmental practitioner experience, is an EIANZ Fellow and Certified Environmental Practitioner, a former President of the SEQ Division, an Associate Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, and a nationally accredited mediator and facilitator.



NAME: Tiffany Thomson

Walk with me in a new direction.

I am a high-achieving environmental Executive who has held the position of Vice-President (Australia) EIANZ for three consecutive terms (2009-2015). I am a current Board Member who had a strong hand in developing the Corporate Plan, Strategy and governance framework.

With almost 2 decades of environmental experience, I believe I can connect with, and understand the needs of, all environmental professionals from students to our most experienced members.

As President of EIANZ, I would:

- Ensure that Members receive value from their membership including recognition of their competency and support for their career;
- Secure long-term financial security and **decentralise** our operations while aligning to a common purpose; **actively listening to and investing** in the Chapters and Divisions as these are the gateways to the EIANZ;
- Become the **trusted advisor** to Federal Ministers and Departments delivering valuable, robust outcomes for environmental practice;
- Firmly **integrate** the NZ Chapter into the broad EIANZ landscape;
- **Revise** the existing Corporate Plan and re-establish clear and ambitious **stretch** targets that I, and the Board, will be accountable for;
- Act as the dynamic, engaging and social media savvy spokesperson for the **new wave** of environmental practice in Australia and New Zealand.