



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA) and the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand

IAIA and EIANZ, through friendly discussions and exchanges, have reached the following Memorandum of Understanding that establishes the mutual benefits and responsibilities between the two parties.

Background

IAIA is the leading global network on best practice in the use of impact assessment for informed decision making regarding policies, programs, plans and projects. Through its activities, it provides an international forum for advancing innovation and communication of best practice in all forms of impact assessment to further the development of local, regional and global capacity in impact assessment.

IAIA was founded in 1981 in North America as a nonprofit international educational association and today has individual members in 120 countries. It has wide reaching influence on the global scale. However, to further service impact professionals in local and regional areas, IAIA recognizes in its by-laws and encourages association with organizations which share similar objectives, thereby extending the vision and mission of IAIA efficiently and effectively to impact assessment professionals through other networks around the world.

EIANZ is the leading professional body in Australia and New Zealand for environmental practitioners. It is a non-profit, politically independent professional association. Founded in 1987, the Institute is multi-disciplinary in membership and provides scope and opportunity for professional and academic interchanges across all sectors of the diverse environmental industry.

The mission of EIANZ is to lead environmental practitioners, set standards for best available environmental practices, and support and enable practitioners to promote and achieve a sustainable and equitable management of the environment.

EIANZ has established a Special Interest Section on Impact Assessment (SIS-IA). The aim of the SIS-IA is to seek to achieve good environmental outcomes by: promoting ethical and competent practice of impact assessment by environmental practitioners through developing tools, competencies and a certification process; and developing and promoting within the wider community practices which support or extend impact assessment in terms of institutional and decision-making frameworks, processes, standards, competencies and tools.

EIANZ has also established a memorandum of understanding with the New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment – an affiliated organisation with IAIA. This provides for ongoing cooperation and collaboration to promote impact assessment.

Whereas IAIA and EIANZ pursue similar objectives, there is a need to assure a cooperation between the two parties so that they support one another.

Details of Cooperation

IAIA and EIANZ agree to jointly

- Promote and enhance the quality of impact assessment
- Promote academic exchange and professional training
- Encourage participation in IAIA and EIANZ conferences and activities
- Exchange the latest information in environmental assessment
- Provide hot links to each other's website.

Obligations of Both Parties

On its part, IAIA

- Will list EIANZ as a current and functioning Associated Organization of IAIA on its website and in its Annual Report to the Membership
- Will distribute news from EIANZ in its newsletter and electronically, as appropriate.

On its part, EIANZ

- Will list IAIA as a current and functioning Associated Organization with EIANZ on its website and in its Annual Report
- Will distribute news from IAIA to its members, including the IAIA call for conference participation
- Will participate in the Affiliates/Associated Organizations' Forum at IAIA annual conferences
- Will allow IAIA members in Australia and New Zealand to participate as members of the EIANZ SIS-IA.

IAIA is not responsible for EIANZ operating structure and activities; EIANZ operates separately and independently of IAIA. IAIA is not responsible or liable for the actions or activities of EIANZ.

Neither IAIA nor EIANZ are empowered to make statement regarding professional policies or related pronouncement on behalf of each other without prior agreement.

This MoU shall continue for three years from the date of signature below. It may be cancelled or renegotiated by either party, by giving the other party one month's written notice of such cancellation or revision.

Signed for IAIA



Rita Hamm, Chief Executive
International Association for Impact Assessment

Date: 9 January 2014

Signed for EIANZ



Jon Womersley, President
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Date: 6 January 2014