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Joined the Institute in 1992

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*What prompted you to join EIANZ?*

I was involved in the initial setting up of the EIA (as it then was). A whole range of people in the environment sector all felt the need that a national body representing environmental professionals was an idea whose time had come – and we brought it into being.

*What have you found most rewarding about a career in the environment sector?*

I love it when I can look across a landscape and see positive environmental outcomes through reservation, better management or community involvement and know that I was a part of those outcomes.

*What is the biggest change that you have seen in the environment profession over the years?*

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*What do you see as EIANZ's key role in the environment sector?*

EIANZ plays a key role in bringing together a diverse range of environmental professionals in a way that increases communication between them and encourages high standards.