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Joined the Institute in 1997

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*What prompted you to join EIANZ?*

I wanted to be a member of a professional body for environmental practitioners.

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

- Working on large projects where I am able to avoid or mitigate environmental impacts.
- Taking responsibility for the delivery of environmental and ecological assessments and providing advice to clients.
- Helping staff develop and mature into successful environmental practitioners.

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

- The growth in the use of, and access to data to inform environmental assessments.
- The thickness of impact assessment reports.

*What are some of the most important lessons you have learned (so far) over the course of your career?*

- Be articulate and write well.
- Be specific with your advice. You have to be able to explain the relevance of your advice, why it matters to the protection of environmental values.
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*What do you see as EIANZ’s key role in the environment sector?*

To be an advocate for environmental professionals.

*What advice would you give a colleague thinking of joining EIANZ?*

Just do it, get involved and grow your network.