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What prompted you to join EIANZ?

I joined to lend support to EIANZ as a body achieving legitimacy for an emerging profession, and to gain the benefits of information sharing and networking with professionals in the environmental field.

What do you value most about being a member?

I value being a member of an organisation that is peopled by like-minded individuals. When we get together for conferences, seminars or other forums, we all have a baseline of knowledge that enables engagement at a useful level for expanding my understanding of environmental issues and processes. I am proud that EIANZ participates meaningfully in consultation for environmental policy directions at national and state levels.

Has being a member helped you develop mentoring relationships and/or extend your professional networks? Can you tell us about the impact these relationships have had on your career development?

Getting to know people in the industry has been important to me. While EIANZ provides great professional development opportunities, connecting with EIANZ members at these events often adds value to the experience. Making lasting contacts in the industry through EIANZ has assisted my career in many ways, mostly through increasing my network of colleagues with a diverse range of knowledge and skills.

What do you find most rewarding about a career in the environment sector?

You can never be sure just what your day will bring!

What advice would you give to recent graduates just starting out in the environment sector?

Get your head around local, state and Commonwealth environmental legislation. Without applied experience, talking to a mentor in the industry is probably the most efficient way to get you on the right track.