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What prompted you to join EIANZ?

To support and contribute to the establishment of a professional body.

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

Being associated with change.

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

Institutional development. When we started in the profession there was no state or Commonwealth legislation and/or departments dedicated to environmental management. These now exist – the challenge ahead is to improve efficacy.

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

Stay well clear of the ever present slippery pole. Do this by knowing what you are good at and bad at, don't be all things to all people, and back your judgement. When in doubt, identify these situations and seek early counsel of peers.

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

Information dissemination, advocacy and ideally quality control of its members (this last role being a bridge too far for most professional bodies).

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

Advice to a young professional – get involved, help set the agenda and steer the profession.