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Joined the Institute in 1988

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What prompted you to join EIANZ?

My academic network, with much discussion centring on Griffith University and bringing in the other unis. I recall a meeting organised in association with a major conference, which made it easy to attend.

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

As an academic who also practises consultancy on request, I find it a fascinating way of contributing on important social and environmental justice issues.

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

Growth in recognition of the social sciences, growth in the use of collaboration methods and the incorporation of community groups.

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

That one needs to advocate, gently. Not everyone knows about or sees the point of things you take for granted.

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

Promoting professionalism, building a network of concerned professionals, promoting awareness and good practice.

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

Join, for the sake of advancing your profession as much as for your own advantage. Get involved in your local group, for face-to-face contact and interesting events.