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Joined the Institute in 2002

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*What prompted you to join EIANZ?*

I was instrumental in establishing the New Zealand Chapter and helping to launch the CEnvP in New Zealand. That followed my involvement in the UK where I contributed to the establishment of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management.

*What do you value most about being a member?*

It confirms my competence as an environmental practitioner and makes a strong statement about how I value nature and the environment. The EIANZ code of ethics is always in my mind.

*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?*

In my case it allowed me to continue being a mentor for EIANZ young professionals. It also helped me (as an ecologist) to further my interdisciplinary links with other environmental practitioners.

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

After a long career in the environmental sector (five decades) in academia or environment research institutes, I now find most rewarding the success of students that I have taught or supervised as they establish their own

very successful careers as an environmental practitioner.

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

The EIANZ will provide you with the highest quality of professional guidance and support.

For the sake of the environment and for the sake of the environment profession you must join an environmental institute such as the EIANZ and you must aspire to become certified. Never before has there been a need for the most competent environmental practitioners, never before has the environment profession needed the utmost trust and respect by the community and never before has nature and the environment needed the most dedicated and competent environmental practitioners.

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