



Environment Institute
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WELCOMING OUR NEW FELLOWS

The EIANZ Board is pleased to announce the appointment of four new Fellows. The status of Fellow is recognition of the leading role that a member has played in the environment profession. It is a well-deserved acknowledgement of their professional standing and commitment to ethical practice over an extended period. Congratulations to these worthy recipients!



ALEX BLOOD
FEIANZ CEnvP
(IMPACT ASSESSMENT)

Alex Blood is Executive Director, Mineral Resources, with the South Australian Department for Energy and Mining. Until June 2022 Alex was also Chair of the Institute's Certified Environmental Practitioner (CEnvP) Scheme.

Alex has worked on mine, infrastructure, waste, oil and gas projects throughout Australia and internationally in both the private sector and government. In her current role, Alex leads the South Australian Department for Energy and Mining's Mineral Resources team in its commitment to oversee responsible development of South Australia's mineral resources. This includes both the mining and quarrying sectors, the state Geological Survey, and environmental and social regulators.

In her role as CEnvP Board Chair, Alex led the growth of the Scheme, implemented core governance processes, and enjoyed strong support from the CEnvP Certification Board and CEnvP Program Office. Alex has fostered important partnerships with regulators, industry groups and other professional bodies, ensuring a robust strategic vision for the benefit of the EIANZ.



KEITH CALDER
FEIANZ CEnvP

Keith Calder is a senior practitioner of influence for his decade long service to the Institute's New Zealand Chapter Management Committee.

Keith has previously been the Chapter's President and more recently has managed the Chapter's communications as an executive member of the committee. Keith has continued his commitment to the EIANZ even after his relocation to the United Kingdom.

Keith has earned national and regional awards for his coastal and catchment management practice on Porirua Harbour in Wellington and continues to provide his expertise to catchment management in Dorset and Hampshire.



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MARIA PEDICINI
FEIANZ CEnvP

Maria Pedicini has been a Director and Principal Consultant of an environmental consulting practice for over 15 years. Maria founded Environmental Projects – a successful environmental consulting business, that facilitates responsible development, planning, design, and management to clients in various business sectors including mining, ports, airports, manufacturing and industrial facilities.

Maria is an environmental practitioner of influence through her work, business, project delivery, stakeholder engagement, EIANZ involvement, and her willingness to inform, mentor and advise. She willingly provides feedback on government policy and regulatory processes, participates on advisory committees, delivers university coursework tutorials, supports ongoing professional development of her staff and finds work experience opportunities for those in their early career.

Maria has an applied-science degree in environmental studies and post-graduate diplomas in law (environmental compliance) and business. She enjoys her ongoing development in the profession and gaining new skills and knowledge to achieve environmental best practice.



JEFF RICHARDSON
FEIANZ

Jeff Richardson is a Principal Consultant at EcOz where he leads a team of multi-disciplinary professionals with environmental expertise and experience in northern and central Australia. In this role, Jeff mentors and provides opportunities to junior staff to develop their skills, provides guidance on policy, and offers strategic advice to clients on environmental approvals.

Jeff has been a stalwart of the EIANZ Northern Territory Division's Management Committee for over a decade, primarily in the position of President. His service to the Institute at the divisional level is outstanding and he received the Mary-Lou Morris Award in 2020.

Jeff is widely respected across the Institute and is always on hand to provide advice, support and assistance.