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# WELCOMING OUR NEW FELLOWS

The EIANZ Board is pleased to announce the appointment of eight new Fellows. The status of Fellow recognises the leading role that a member has played in the environment profession and their commitment to ethical practice over an extended period. Congratulations to our newest Fellows!



**JOANNE FLINT**  
FEIANZ CEnvP

Joanne is an environmental practitioner with more than 30 years' broad experience internationally, nationally and in all Australian states, working on operational facilities and project developments and in corporate and governance environments. She has worked in technical, management and leadership roles with companies, governments and communities and in many industries including energy, water infrastructure, oil and gas, mining and minerals processing, chemicals, manufacturing and conservation.

Joanne has actively supported the environment profession throughout her career. This has included roles on local, branch and technical committees, and as a member of EIANZ's CEnvP Certification Board since 2019.

Joanne has led and managed teams of environmental and social professionals in delivering environmental impact statements, environmental policy, environmental management and compliance systems, environmental risk assessments, plans and audits, and organisation-wide environmental technical services. She has chaired and been a member of several environmental forums and advisory committees.



**STEPHEN FULLER**  
FEIANZ CEnvP

Stephen Fuller is a Senior Principal Ecologist with over 35 years' experience in ecological impact assessment, project management, and ecological research in New Zealand. He has worked in private practice as an advisor and consultant to central and local Government and private clients. He is a key contributor to the success of Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary, and Stephen continues to bring his professionalism to his practice, most recently to the renewable energy sector. Stephen's ability to facilitate and form strong and enduring relationships among key stakeholders is a hallmark of his practice and his influence on environmental outcomes.

At all times Stephen demonstrates a very high level of ethical behaviour and is always ready with a solution for an acceptable environmental outcome. As an environmental practitioner, Stephen has achieved a sustained record of leadership, contribution and influence within the environmental sector in New Zealand.



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**DAVID GAINSFORD**  
FEIANZ

David Gainsford is the senior New South Wales public servant responsible for the assessment of major projects in NSW. As Deputy Secretary, Development Assessment and Sustainability, David leads how the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure uses environmental impact assessment to inform land use decisions.

David started his professional journey in environmental research and consulting, before leading environmental assessments for major public infrastructure, including within Transport for NSW. In 2015 David joined the Department of Planning, leading assessments of transport infrastructure. In 2022, he became Deputy Secretary with broad responsibility across all major project development proposals across NSW.



**KEVIN ROBERTS**  
FEIANZ

Kevin Roberts has been a leading environmental practitioner for over 37 years since starting his career in 1987 as scientific officer with the then NSW Department of Water Resources. From there, his career has progressed through leadership roles in Government and the private consulting industry

Kevin has:

- Led development of key environmental legislation, policy, guidelines and programs for Government.
- Led the environment function for some of the largest infrastructure projects in Australia.
- Managed environment teams and influenced the next generation of practitioners through mentoring and leadership.
- Been active in EIANZ through presentations at conferences, running the program for the Sydney EIANZ conference in 2018 and filling the functions of the Secretary of the NSW Division of EIANZ since 2020.

Kevin continues to provide advice to Government and private industry through his role within the NSW EIANZ Division and his leadership role on projects across technical disciplines and jurisdictional boundaries.





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**DAVID WILTSHIRE**  
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David Wiltshire is one of South Australia's most experienced environmental scientists, having worked as an environmental consultant throughout Australia and overseas for approximately 35 years. He has been a Director of one of Adelaide's first environmental consulting firms, Social and Ecological Assessment Pty Ltd, for 30 years, and has undertaken a diverse range of consulting assignments throughout Australia and overseas, specialising in environmental impact assessment, environmental management and applied ecology.

A significant proportion of David's experience has been associated with the management of marine systems. He is recognised as one of South Australia's leading marine ecologists, having developed considerable expertise in assessing the marine ecological effects of industrial and urban developments and in monitoring the impacts of industrial and urban discharges to the sea. A particular area of expertise has been seagrass dieback associated with urban and industrial nutrient discharges, and recovery in response to improved water quality. David was a co-editor of the book *The Natural History of Spencer Gulf*, published by the Royal Society of South Australia.



**ERICA VAN  
DEN HONERT**  
FEIANZ

Erica van den Honert is a leading environmental impact assessment practitioner who has made an outstanding contribution as a regulator within government and consultancy for over 25 years. She was instrumental in driving the NSW environmental impact assessment improvement program, which led to the delivery of comprehensive, evidence-based and user-friendly EIA guidelines for state significant projects.

She is currently Executive Director Infrastructure Assessments leading teams responsible for assessing State significant infrastructure projects and ensuring that the conditions of approvals are met. Prior to this she held the position of Director Infrastructure Management, responsible for the post approval phase of the above projects, and Director Assessment Practice, responsible for providing systems and guidance for assessment teams in the Department.

Erica regularly presents to professional forums such as the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA), and actively participates in industry working groups. She is always a highly professional and passionate advocate for scientific evidence and sustainability.



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**DR STUART  
WINCHESTER**  
FEIANZ

Dr Stuart Winchester is a recognised expert in the field of mine closure planning and rehabilitation, and in particular, site assessment, design, and execution of strategic remediation on sulfidic legacy sites to realise long-term, sustainable outcomes for all key stakeholders.

Stuart's undergraduate and three postgraduate technical and business degrees, when coupled with his significant domestic and international experience, make him uniquely placed to assist government and private clients in the niche discipline of sulfidic mine closure and rehabilitation.

His experience spans over 25 years in all states and territories of Australia, in addition to undertaking projects in Laos PDR, China, Singapore, New Zealand, Chile, Guinea, Indonesia, Senegal and The Philippines.

Stuart's selfless investment in the environment profession has seen him volunteer his time across multiple professional, research and educational initiatives over three decades to advance the earth and environmental science knowledge base, and mentor the next generation, all while remaining an ethical leader in the industry.



**DR AILSA KERSWELL**  
FEIANZ

Dr Ailsa Kerswell solves difficult and important environmental challenges. She loves the complexity and ongoing learning that comes with this type of problem solving. Over many years, this has ranged from translating scientific information into robust environmental policy and impact assessments through to undertaking detailed academic research into how stressors operate in the marine environment.

Ailsa is also passionate about building vibrant teams to achieve positive and balanced outcomes both for people and the environment. She is continually striving to be a great leader, prioritising kindness, integrity and fun along the way.