



Interested in Social Impact Assessment Training?

Overview: Social impact assessments (SIAs) are required to inform decision-making as part of the Assessment of Environmental Effects required for applications submitted under the Resource Management Act. SIAs should also be included in the process of developing new local and central government policies and programmes. SIAs help to ensure that any adverse effects from a development project, proposed policy or programme are identified at an early stage and minimised and that any potential benefits of projects or programmes are maximised. This three-day course is designed to teach participants the SIA process, tools and techniques, how to apply social impact assessments in decision-making, and how to assess the adequacy of SIAs to ensure they are fit for purpose and reflect good practice principles.

Who should attend: This practical course is for those in the public and private sectors who are responsible for commissioning or undertaking assessments of effects under the RMA, LGA, LTMA or other legislation or who are responsible for managing the development of public sector policies or programmes.

Course content:

- What is social impact assessment (SIA) and how is it used?
- How to scope an SIA
- Profiling a proposal
- Defining “affected communities”
- Legislative requirements for SIA and determinations on best practice
- Consultation methods for SIA
- Getting the most out of statistics and other information sources
- Social Impact Monitoring Frameworks
- Social Impact Management Plans
- Problems encountered and how to avoid them

Course format: This is a three-day course and is designed for up to 25 participants. This allows for plenty of class interaction and small group work. The sharing of experiences and lessons learned is encouraged.

The course will qualify for 22 CPD points. For those wishing to receive a certificate at the end of the course, there will be a short multi-choice test at the end of each session to check how well participants have understood the teachings. Aspects not well understood will be reviewed. To qualify for a certificate, participants will be required to gain a minimum 70% pass rate in all tests.

Contact us: This course is proudly sponsored by the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ). Further details on dates, costs and registration are available at www.eianz.org and will be emailed to all EIANZ members. If you would like to find out more about this training then please email newzealand@eianz.org



Tutors: Dianne Buchan and James Baines are both members of the Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ), the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) and the New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment (NZAIA). Dianne is also a Certified Environmental Practitioner with Impact Assessment specialisation (CEnvP IA Specialist) and is a member of the NZ Planning Institute. James has a Diploma in Teaching. Both Dianne and James have been social impact practitioners for more than twenty years both in New Zealand and overseas.

