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## What prompted you to join EIANZ?

I joined while I was studying for a Master of Environmental Studies and working full time. I was looking to develop an understanding of the ways environmental skills could be put to use in a range of different sectors. What do you value most about being a member?

Access to new thinking and networking opportunities.

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?

As a business owner and employer, I have employed a number of people with environmental qualifications who have been members of EIANZ. I encourage people to develop networking skills and be open to ways in which their social and technical interests can make a difference in achieving better environmental outcomes.

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

I am interested in governance and decision making and developing new ways of bringing aspects of environmental thinking into play.

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

Keep an open mind on the ways you can use your knowledge, skills and experience. Try and work in a range of sectors if you have the opportunity and identify where you feel you can best make a difference.