



The Future for Environmental Professionals

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Introduction



- The last 10 (ish) years
- Influences
- Challenges
- The next 10 (ish) years

Professional Background

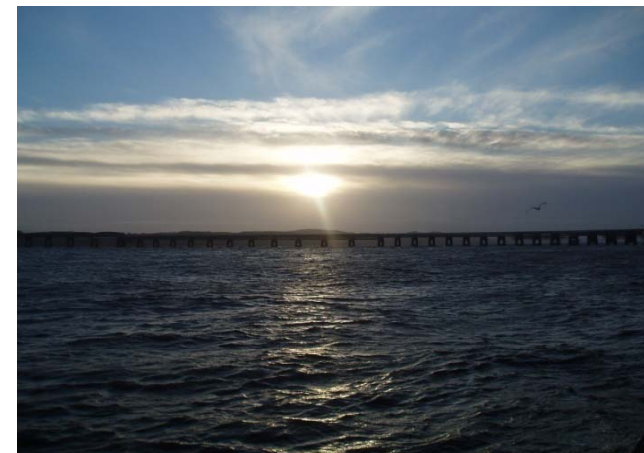
- Environmental Impact Assessments
- Ecological surveys
- Contaminated land sampling
- Meet State and Federal regulator requirements
- Legislation, legislation, legislation
- Travel to regional locations
- Liaison with various internal and external stakeholders
- Provide environmental input into almost every project



Personal Influences and Study Path



- A love of natural disasters!
- Standard Grades
- Highers
- University life



Study Path



•Standard Grades:

- Maths
- English
- French
- Geography
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Art and Design

•Higher / Higher Still

- Maths
- English
- Physics
- Geography
- Art and Design



Challenges



- Busy schedule
- Work / life balance
- Recognition
- Legislative changes
- Being a female environmentalist
- Everything is urgent. And due yesterday.
- Megaprojects paving the way for 'new' approvals processes
- Unique personalities...
- Growing out of university thinking



The Next 10 (ish) years



- CEnvP
- Professional Development
- Green tape reduction
- EIS versus EMP
- Mentoring programs
- Professional bodies working with universities and schools
- More and more changes to legislation
- Ongoing education of the non-green professionals
- Changing to meet current environmental needs

