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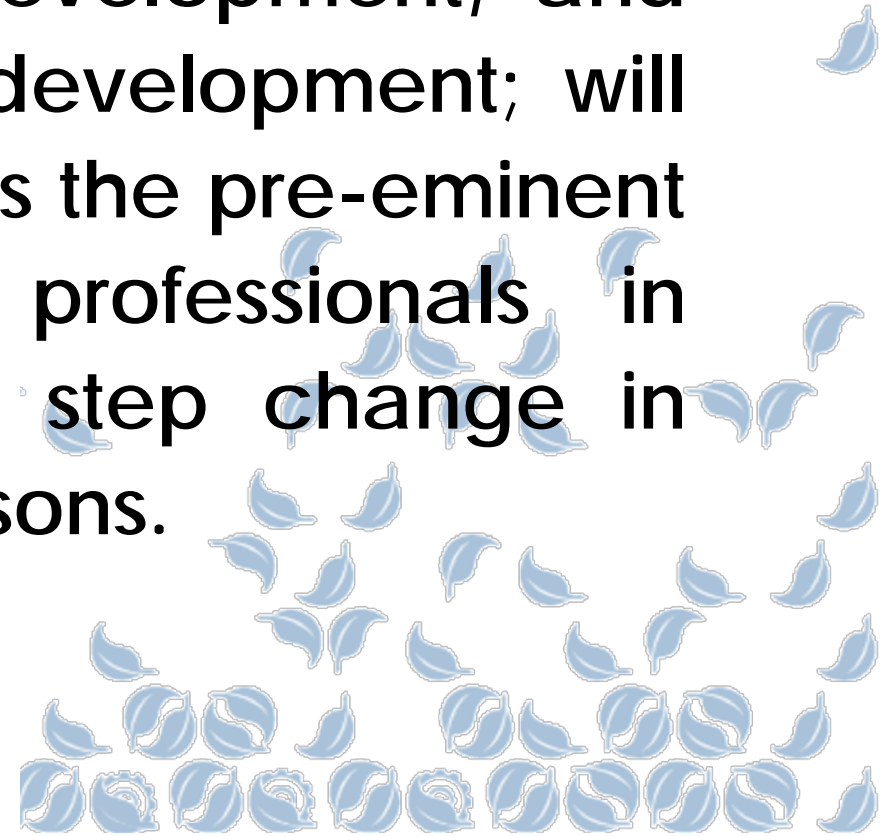
# STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE

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# Vision, Values and Strategy

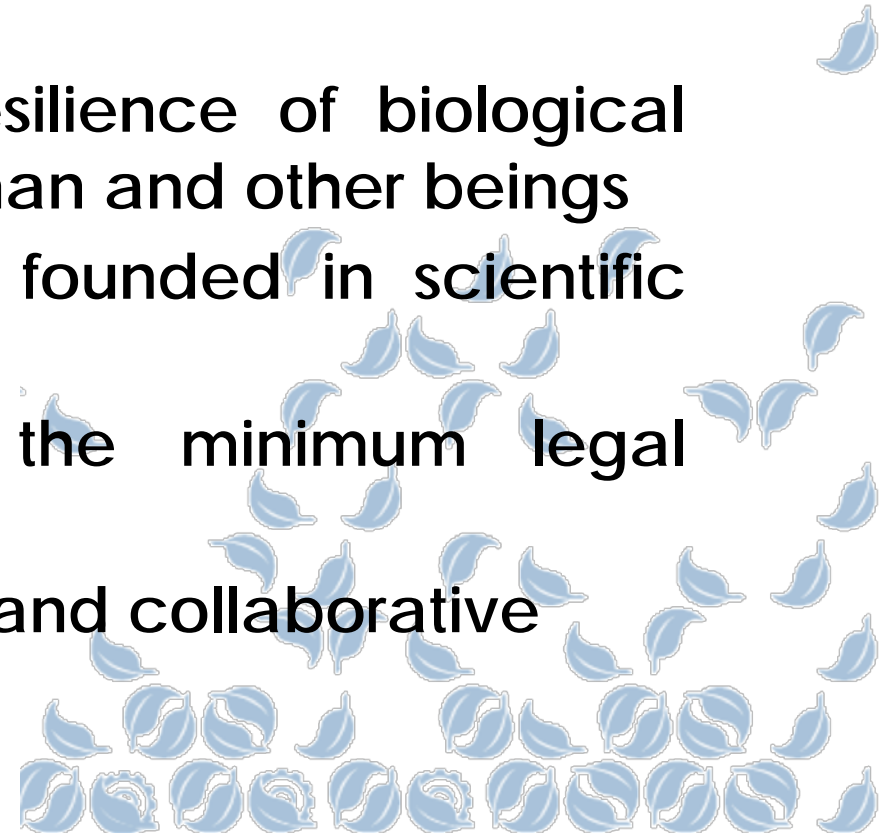
By 2020, our distinctive ability to certify the competency of environmental professionals, hold them accountable to standards, support their career development, and add value to environmental policy development; will result in the EIANZ being recognised as the pre-eminent body representing environmental professionals in Australia and New Zealand, and a step change in membership to greater than 7,000 persons.



# Vision, Values and Strategy

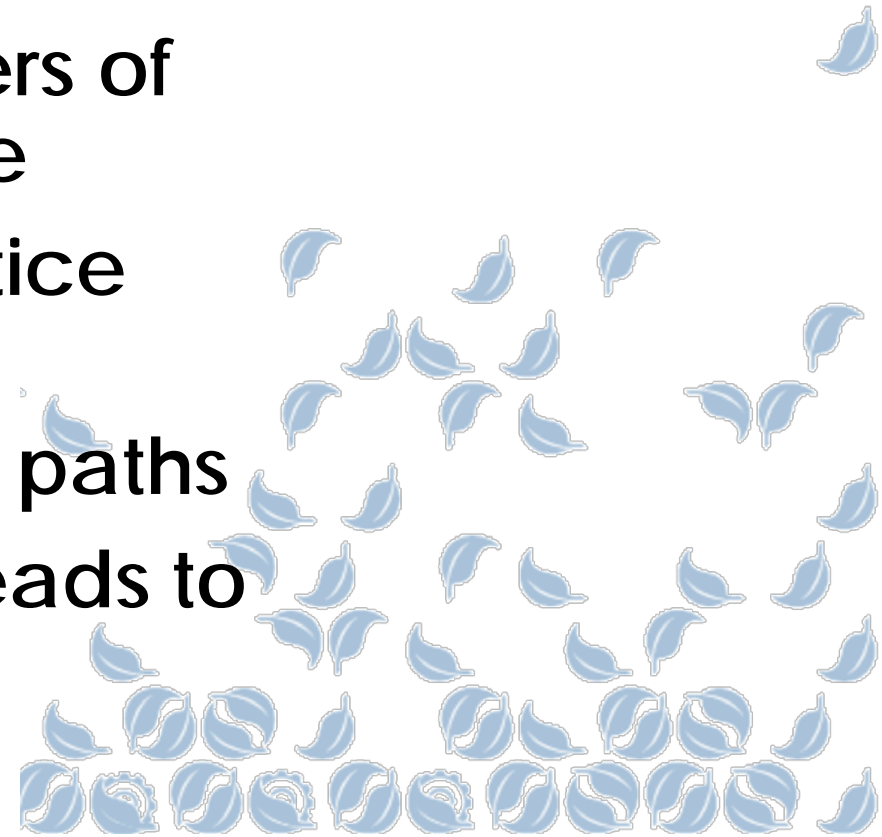
## *“Excellence in environmental practice”*

- protection and enhancement of the environment for future generations through avoidance and mitigation of harms and adaptation to change
- preference given to the integrity and resilience of biological systems that are essential to sustaining human and other beings
- environmental practice is objective and founded in scientific evidence
- environmental practice goes beyond the minimum legal requirements
- environmental practice is multidisciplinary and collaborative



# Vision, Values and Strategy

- Effective and efficient governance
- Integrated membership arrangements from student to leading practitioner
- Environmental practitioners as certifiers of environmental management practice
- Reference documents for good practice environmental management
- Member services that support career paths
- Accredited academic training that leads to membership and certification



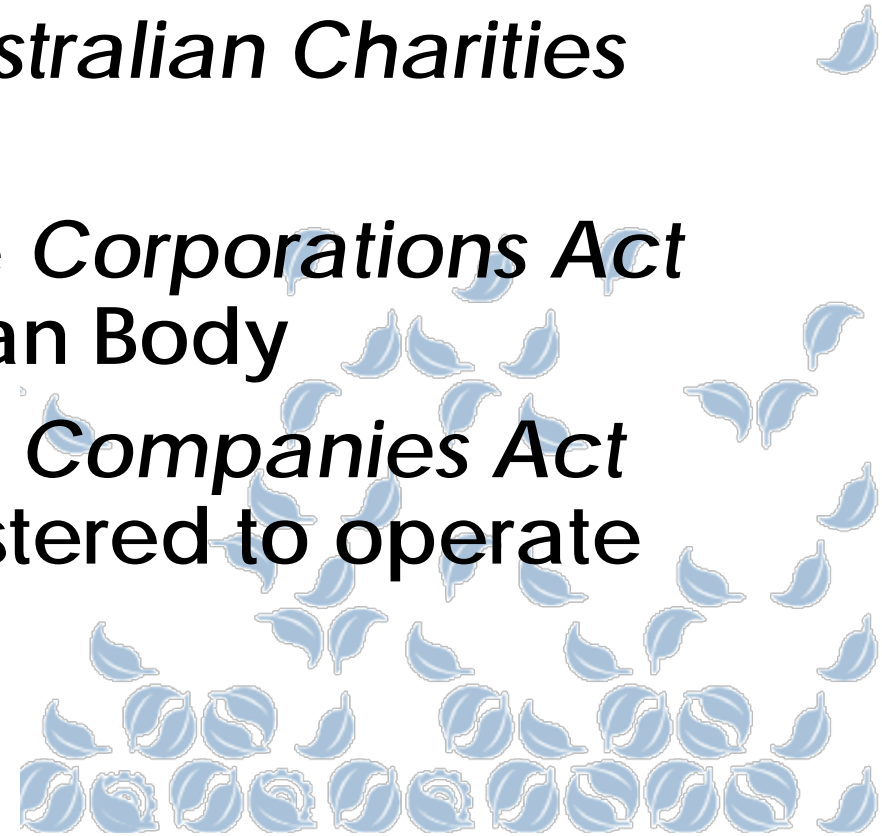
# Good Governance

- Effective governance allows organisations to create value and provide accountability and control systems commensurate with the risks involved
- Good governance leads to:
  - better strategies and plans
  - improved operational effectiveness
  - prudent regulatory compliance
  - improved member and stakeholder engagement
  - greater likelihood of delivering the purposes of an organisation



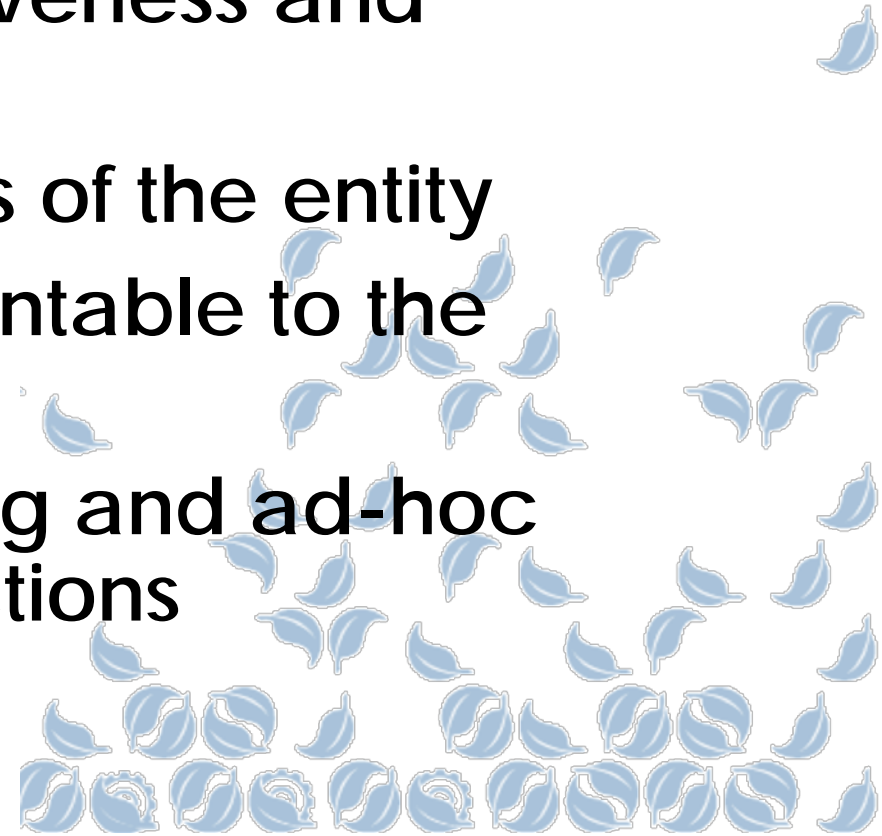
# Regulatory Arrangements

- The EIANZ is an incorporated not for profit association under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic)
- It is a registered charity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Act 2012* (Cwth)
- It operates across Australia under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cwth) as a Registrable Australian Body
- It operates in New Zealand under the *Companies Act 1993* (NZ) as an Australian entity registered to operate in that country



# EIANZ Board

- Set the vision and strategy for the EIANZ in consultation with the Advisory Council
- Be responsible for operational effectiveness and regulatory compliance
- Be required to act in the best interests of the entity
- Operate transparently and be accountable to the membership
- Have the authority to appoint standing and ad-hoc committees, and Special Interest Sections



# EIANZ Board

- President
- Vice President (Australia)
- Vice President (New Zealand)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 2x Ordinary Members
- Executive support arranged by the General Manager, EIANZ





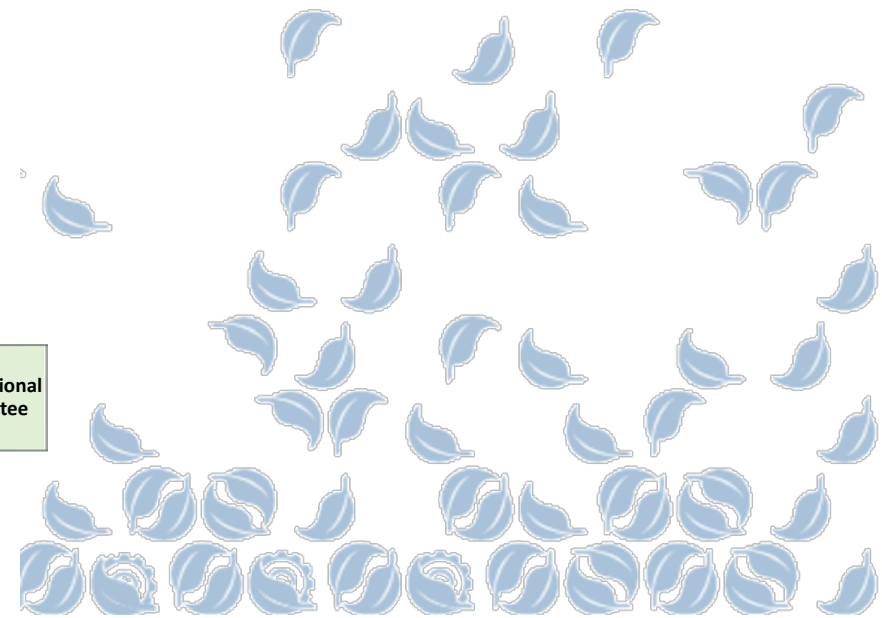
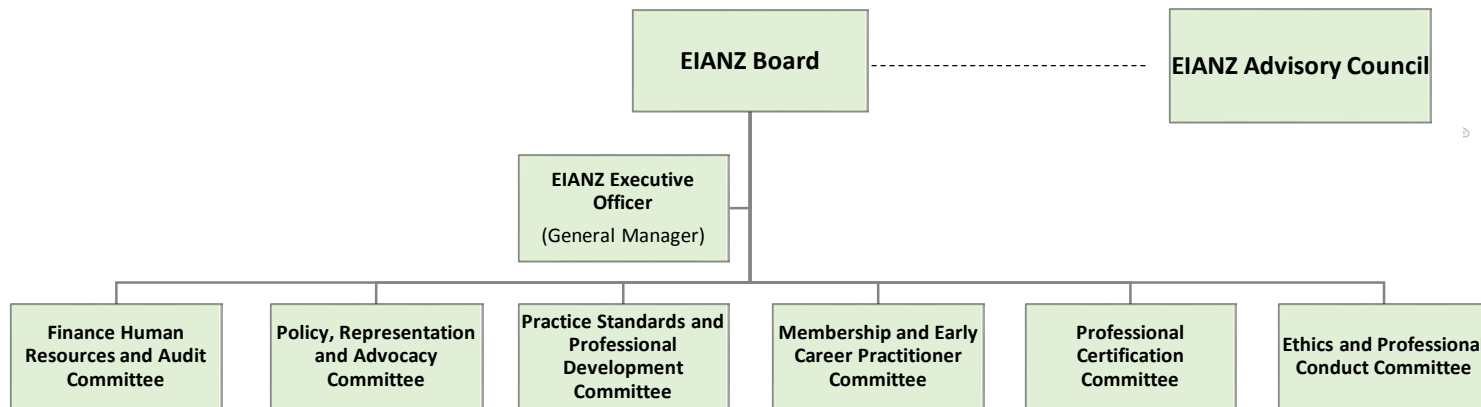
# EIANZ Board

- Elected from and by Full Members and Fellow Members
- Two year term of office, eligible for re-election, but only for 3 terms of office
- Can not contain more than 3 persons from the same Division or the NZ Chapter
- Frequency, quorum, conduct and recording of meetings, and remuneration (if any) of Board and committee members to be based on the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*



# Board Committees

- Board supported by standing and ad-hoc committees
  - Chair and membership determined by the Board
  - Formal delegated authority from the Board
  - Special arrangements for Board Committees dealing with certification and professional conduct to preserve independence of decision making and advice



# EIANZ Advisory Council

- Provide a formal mechanism for connecting the Board to the Australian Chapter Divisions and the NZ Chapter
- Provide advice to the Board on request or of its own recognisance
- Meet not less frequently than twice in each calendar year
- Board required to consult the Advisory Council on and respond to advice on:
  - Changes to the Rules of Association and By-laws
  - Changes in strategic direction or the Corporate Plan



# EIANZ Advisory Council

## Comprised as follows

- Presidents from each Australian Chapter Division and the NZ Chapter
  - Delegate of the President as determined by the relevant Division or NZ Chapter
- Chairs of the Special Interest Sections
  - Ecology
  - Impact Assessment
  - Climate Change



# Next Steps

- Consideration of draft amendments to the Rules of Association by the EIANZ Council
- Consideration of amendments to the Rules of Association by EIANZ members eligible to vote at a Special General Meeting
- Registration of the amended Rules of Association with Consumer Affairs Victoria
- Transition to the new arrangements

