



Environment Institute
of Australia and
New Zealand Inc.



Environment Institute of Australia (EIANZ) and New Zealand and New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment (NZAIA)

Memorandum of Understanding on Benefits and Responsibilities

EIANZ and NZAIA, through friendly discussions and exchanges, have reached the following Memorandum of Understanding that establishes the mutual benefits and responsibilities between the two parties.

BACKGROUND

EIANZ is the leading professional body in Australia and New Zealand for environmental practitioners. It is a non-profit, politically independent professional association. Founded in 1987, the Institute is multi-disciplinary in membership and provides scope and opportunity for professional and academic interchanges across all sectors of the diverse environmental industry.

The mission of EIANZ is to lead environmental practitioners, set standards for best available environmental practices, and support and enable practitioners to promote and achieve a sustainable and equitable management of the environment.

EIANZ has established a Special Interest Section on Impact Assessment (SIS-IA). The aim of the SIS-IA is to seek to achieve good environmental outcomes by:

- I. promoting ethical and competent practice of impact assessment by environmental practitioners through developing tools, competencies and a certification process; and
- II. developing and promoting within the wider community, practices which support or extend impact assessment in terms of institutional and decision-making frameworks, processes, standards, competencies and tools.

The purpose of the NZAIA is to promote the use, and better practice, of impact assessment. NZAIA is an affiliate of the International Association for Impact Assessment. The objectives of the NZAIA are:

- I. To promote the practice of impact assessment (including social and environmental assessment) in the formulation and implementation of development and policy proposals.
- II. To promote research and consultation practices which identify the full social and environmental effects of policies & projects and the measures required to address these.

- III. To promote the development of impact assessment theory and methods.
- IV. To promote impact assessment that recognises and accommodates different social and cultural values, including those of indigenous peoples.
- V. To promote and encourage a high standard of practice amongst members of the Association and others using impact assessment methods, in accordance with the Code of Ethics.
- VI. To recognise and consider the Treaty of Waitangi.
- VII. To undertake or encourage initiatives, consistent with the other objects, powers and resources of the Association, to promote or advance the protection of the environment.

EIANZ and the NZAIA share a common objective to promote impact assessment in development planning and decision-making. Both organisations are also committed to the development of the impact assessment field for the benefit of their members, the profession, and to contribute to the achievement of the goal of sustainable development.

DETAILS OF COOPERATION

NZAIA and EIANZ agree to jointly

- Promote and enhance the quality of impact assessment
- Promote academic exchange and professional training
- Encourage participation in NZAIA and EIANZ conferences and activities
- Develop improved communication tools, particularly via the internet, to encourage our members to exchange their views, ideas, and experience related to impact assessment
- Provide hot links to each other's websites
- Exchange information on their respective work programs and identify opportunities for collaboration, including for promoting improved impact assessment in the South Pacific.

OBLIGATIONS OF BOTH PARTIES

EIANZ will:

- Allow NZAIA members to participate in EIANZ events at reduced rates
- Allow NZAIA members to become members of the EIANZ SIS-IA with the same rights as EIANZ members
- Promote NZAIA events through its networks and newsletters
- Designate a coordinator for exchange of information between EIANZ and NZAIA
- Send relevant information on EIANZ activities and news to the designated NZAIA coordinator.

NZAIA will:

- Allow EIANZ members to participate in NZAIA events at reduced rates
- Encourage NZAIA members to become members of the EIANZ SIS-IA
- Promote relevant EIANZ events through its networks and newsletters
- Designate a coordinator for exchange of information between EIANZ and NZAIA

- Send relevant information on NZAIA activities and news to the designated EIANZ coordinator.

NZAIA and EIANZ are not responsible for each other's operating structure and activities; each organisation operates separately and independently. Neither organisation is responsible or liable for the actions or activities of the other.

Neither NZAIA nor EIANZ are empowered to make statements regarding professional policies or related pronouncements on behalf of each other without prior agreement.

This MoU shall continue for three years. It may be cancelled or renegotiated by either party, by giving the other party one month's written notice of such cancellation or revision.

Signed for by NZAIA



Richard Morgan, Chair
January 2017

Signed for by EIANZ



Michael Chilcott, President
October 2016