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Joined the Institute in 1997

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Environment Institute  
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New Zealand Inc.

### *What prompted you to join EIANZ?*

There was an active branch in Far North Queensland at the time putting on beautiful professional development events and I wanted to join with other environmental professionals, particularly in the field of impact assessment as there were a lot of proposed developments triggering impact assessment studies around Far North Queensland at the time.

### *What have you found most rewarding about a career in the environment sector?*

Learning from other environmental professionals.

### *What is the biggest change that you have seen in the environment profession over the years?*

Moving away from objective evidence-based assessment and towards more predictable advocacy based on perceived broad-scale consensus.

### *What are some of the most important lessons you have learned (so far) over the course of your career?*

Disruptive technologies can change the game very quickly

### *What do you see as EIANZ’s key role in the environment sector?*

Making submissions to proposed legislative changes, productivity commission inquiries etc and providing considered professional environmental positions.

### *What advice would you give a colleague thinking of joining EIANZ?*

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