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What prompted you to join EIANZ?

My colleague, Simon Leverton, suggested I join for both networking and professional development opportunities. He was correct in stating the annual conferences were great experiences.

What do you value most about being a member?

Knowing there are like-minded professionals that all aspire to make our world a little better, and are happy to broadcast their knowledge for the betterment of the industry.

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?

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

I am still chuffed by a little kid's comment when he heard what I did. "You're like Superman; you both get to save the planet".

Certainly better than those who working in the tobacco or gambling industries, eh!

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

Things aren't always black and white. There are many shades of grey. It's getting the balance right that makes all the world of difference.