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What prompted you to join EIANZ?

I joined EIANZ because I wanted to be part of an organisation with a reputation for integrity across the environmental and sustainability industries within Australia and the local chapter of South East Queensland. It is important to be part of an organisation with a diverse range of members able to share new and existing information in fields of my own expertise as well as areas I don't work in but have an interest in. It also provides an opportunity to meet with like-minded people and promotes active sharing of opportunities.

What do you value most about being a member?

As I have worked mainly overseas in the last ten years, it's been very important to me to have a link back to Australia and the profession I work in. I have always maintained my membership and read the e-mails and the Australasian Journal of Environmental Management to ensure I keep up to date with relevant technical information in Australia and New Zealand.

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?

As I have been unable to attend EIANZ events in recent years due to living in the UAE, I have not developed my professional network in Australia on a personal basis. However, as I now live back in Australia, I am looking forward to utilising the opportunities EIANZ brings to do this. In the past, I have certainly made the most of networking through the EIANZ events and workshops.

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

Being a professional in the environment sector is never dull. Being able to work across many market sectors, for example, in putting together an Environmental Impact Assessment or undertaking an environmental audit means you are never doing the same thing twice. The sector is also always moving forward with new research and ideas and so you are always able to keep learning.

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

For new graduates, I would advise them to work in as many different areas of the environment sector as they can to make sure they find their passion. Don't be afraid to ask questions and try to meet as many people as you can by using the networks provided through events and workshops from trusted organisations like EIANZ.

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