

## Proposed changes to the EIANZ Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct: what has happened so far.

A [Special Resolution](#) was put forward by the EIANZ Board for consideration by members at the Institute's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 10 November 2020. The resolution proposed changes to the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct to acknowledge and value the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples in environmental management. For the resolution to pass it needed at least a 75% in favour vote. The resolution was not passed at the AGM, however over 75% of members supported the intent of the resolution.

After the AGM, Bryan Jenkins, EIANZ President [invited feedback](#) from members and CEnvPs on the proposed changes. In December 2020, Bryan advised members and CEnvPs that [facilitated workshops](#) would be run in early 2021 to discuss the comments and how they have been addressed.

The table below shows:

- The proposed changes that were put forward to members at the AGM
- Results of analysis of member and CEnvP feedback on the proposed changes that were put members at the AGM. Analysis has been separated by Australian (A) based members and CEnvPs and New Zealand (NZ) members and CEnvPs
- Edits to the proposed changes that were put to members at the AGM endorsed by the Board in February 2021 in response to feedback from members and CEnvPs.

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Preamble	<p>Add new paragraph:</p> <p>"We acknowledge and value the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples* in the protection and management of environmental values through their involvement in</p>	<p>(A) Change new paragraph to:</p> <p>Environmental practitioners acknowledge and value the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples* in the protection and management of environmental values through their</p>	<p><b>Environmental practitioners acknowledge and value the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples* in the protection and management of environmental values through their involvement in decisions and processes, and</b></p>

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	<p>decisions and processes, and the application of traditional Indigenous knowledge."</p> <p>* the term 'Indigenous Peoples' includes First Nations, First Peoples, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and tangata whenua (Māori), all of whom have maintained country and place in an holistic manner over multiple generations.</p>	<p>involvement in decisions and processes, and the application of traditional Indigenous knowledge.</p> <p>(NZ) Change new paragraph to include:</p> <p>* the term 'Indigenous Peoples' includes First Nations, First Peoples, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and tangata whenua (Māori and Moriori).</p>	<p>the application of traditional Indigenous knowledge.</p> <p>* the term 'Indigenous Peoples' includes First Nations, First Peoples, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, tangata whenua (Māori and Moriori).</p>
(a) Promote Environmental Principles	<p>a) Advocate the integrity of the natural environment and the health, safety, values and welfare of <del>the</del> human <del>community</del> 'communities' and future generations as being central to environmental practice</p>	<p>(A) Change wording to:</p> <p>Advocate the integrity of the cultural and natural environments, and the health, safety, values, and welfare of human communities and future generations as being central to environmental practice.</p> <p>(NZ) Change wording to:</p> <p>Advocate the integrity of the environment, and the health, safety, values, and welfare of human communities and future generations as being central to environmental practice.</p>	<p><b>Advocate the integrity of the cultural and natural environments, and the health, safety, values, and welfare of human communities and future generations as being central to environmental practice.</b></p>

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(b) Promote Environmental Principles	b) Advocate the protection of environmental values and the mitigation of environmental harm, based on <del>objective</del> scientific evidence and technical knowledge expertise, taking into account traditional knowledge and acknowledging Indigenous management	<p>(A) Change wording to:</p> <p>Advocate the protection of environmental values and the mitigation of environmental harm, using a multiple evidence base, that draws on science, Indigenous, and community knowledge</p> <p>(NZ) Change wording to:</p> <p>Advocate the protection of environmental values and the mitigation of environmental harm, based on scientific evidence and technical expertise, taking into account the traditional knowledge and stewardship practices of Indigenous Peoples.</p>	<b>Advocate the protection of environmental values and the mitigation of environmental harm, using a multiple evidence base, that draws on science, Indigenous, and community knowledge</b>
(d) Practice Competently	d) Promote the involvement of <del>all</del> Indigenous people, stakeholders and the community in decisions and processes that may impact on environmental values	Wherever there is a reference to Indigenous Peoples that it is in the capitalised plural form.	<b>Promote the involvement of Indigenous Peoples, stakeholders and the community in decisions and processes that may impact on environmental values</b>

EIANZ WEBSITE	PROPOSED CHANGE TO EIANZ WEBSITE	RESULTS OF ANALYSIS OF MEMBER AND CENVP FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED CHANGES SUBMITTED TO THE EIANZ AGM	PROPOSED CHANGES ENDORSED BY THE EIANZ BOARD IN FEBRUARY 2021 IN RESPONSE TO MEMBER AND CENVP FEEDBACK
	The EIANZ website 'About Us' page should include a statement clarifying that the term 'environment' includes human societies and cultures; and the statement "EIANZ acknowledges and values the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples in the protection and management of environmental values through their involvement in decisions and processes, and the application of traditional Indigenous knowledge."	No changes	<b>The EIANZ website 'About Us' page should include a statement clarifying that the term 'environment' includes human societies and cultures; and the statement "EIANZ acknowledges and values the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples in the protection and management of environmental values through their involvement in decisions and processes, and the application of traditional Indigenous knowledge."</b>