



Environment Institute  
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# ANNOUNCING OUR SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION CHAIRS

[Special Interest Sections](#) (SIS) are Institute-wide groups that bring together members with a shared area of interest. These groups work towards improving environmental practice through information sharing, the development of guidance documents, seminars, workshops, and other activities.

Earlier this year, we invited Expressions of Interests for the position of Chair in each of our Special Interest Sections. The EIANZ Board is now pleased to announce the following four appointments:

## ECOLOGY SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION



**GUY WILLIAMS**  
MEIANZ

Guy is an ecologist with over twenty years' experience in biodiversity related aspects of environmental impact assessment, conservation and sustainability. His work involves technical delivery, policy conception and strategy for biodiversity mitigation, habitat quality assessment and ecosystem conservation.

Guy's recent work with Cambridge-based The Biodiversity Consultancy saw him involved in developing new metrics and approaches for biodiversity net gain on projects across Asia Pacific. The work focused on developing policy and biodiversity action plans for clients operating in low governance, high biodiversity geographies. Since returning to Australia and joining SMEC, Guy has focused on local projects and ensuring clients consider leading approaches to net gain for biodiversity that goes beyond compliance.

Guy is an industry leader in consideration of biodiversity within the built environment and advises government and private sector on ways to better consider ecology and natural ecosystems within building design, urban strategy and built material selection and sourcing. Guy is a technical adviser on this topic to various organisations including Green Building Council of Australia, Living Futures Institute Australia, World Business Council for Sustainable Development and the Science Based Targets Network.

Currently also working on a field guide for the Primates of Indo-China, Guy mixes consulting with primate research and serves as a commission member for the IUCN – Commission for Ecosystem Management and Species Survival Commission. Guy maintains an ongoing research interest in modelling habitat use in primates; community led forest conservation; and using film, storytelling, and digital media to support effective conservation strategies.

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## HERITAGE SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION



**MICHAEL SLACK**  
MEIANZ

Michael is a Director of Scarp Archaeology, Adjunct Associate Professor of Archaeology at James Cook University, and Partner Investigator in the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Biodiversity and Heritage.

Michael is on the National Executive Committee of the Australian Archaeological Association (AAA), having served as Secretary, President, and now Vice- President during his six-year tenure. During his time with the AAA, Michael has successfully wrote and implemented a Reconciliation Action Plan; drafted an apology to Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders regarding historical archaeological practice; implemented new policies in regard to equity and inclusiveness; established a code of conduct; and assisted with a revised code of ethics.

Michael is also a sitting member of the Western Australian Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee and a previous member of the Riversleigh World Heritage Scientific Advisory Committee.

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## IMPACT ASSESSMENT SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION



**LACHLAN WILKINSON**  
FEIANZ CEnvP (IA)

Lachlan has been Chair of the Impact Assessment Special Interest Section (SIS) group since 2009.

Under Lachlan's leadership, the Impact Assessment SIS is in a strong position in terms of activity and financial position. Over the last few years, Lachlan has driven a number of successful initiatives including: the development of SIS communities of practice in [social impact assessment](#), [strategic environmental assessment](#), and [organised reasoning](#); hosting the 2019 IAIA Conference in Brisbane; and coordinating an annual workshop series on organised reasoning for the Institute.

Lachlan is passionate about promoting good practice in impact assessment to deliver good environmental outcomes. He is a Fellow of the Institute and a Certified Environmental Practitioner (Impact Assessment Specialist). Lachlan was awarded CEnvP of the Year in 2015 and received the EIANZ Simon Molesworth Award in 2019.

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## CLIMATE CHANGE SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION



**NEIL MARSHMAN**  
FEIANZ

Neil has national and international experience in greenhouse gas accounting, energy efficiency and emissions mitigation, climate policy development and response, climate adaptation (during its formative years), risk assessments, and sustainability reporting.

Neil is a Fellow of the Institute and is currently Chair of the EIANZ Policy and Standards Committee.