



Environment Institute of Australia (EIANZ) and New Zealand and New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment (NZAIA)

Memorandum of Understanding on Benefits and Responsibilities

EIANZ and NZAIA, through friendly discussions and exchanges, have reached the following Memorandum of Understanding that establishes the mutual benefits and responsibilities between the two parties.

Background

EIANZ is the leading professional body in Australia and New Zealand for environmental practitioners. The mission of EIANZ is to lead environmental practitioners, set standards for best available environmental practices, and support and enable practitioners to promote and achieve a sustainable and equitable management of the environment.

EIANZ has established a Special Interest Section on Impact Assessment (SIS-IA). The aim of the SIS-IA is to seek to achieve good environmental outcomes by:

- (i) promoting ethical and competent practice of impact assessment by environmental practitioners through developing tools, competencies and a certification process; and
- (ii) developing and promoting within the wider community practices which support or extend impact assessment in terms of institutional and decision-making frameworks, processes, standards, competencies and tools.

The purpose of the NZAIA is to promote the use, and better practice, of impact assessment. NZAIA is an affiliate of the International Association for Impact Assessment. The objectives of the NZAIA are:

- (i) To promote the practice of impact assessment (including social and environmental assessment) in the formulation and implementation of development and policy proposals.
- (ii) To promote research and consultation practices which identify the full social and environmental effects of policies & projects and the measures required to address these.
- (iii) To promote the development of impact assessment theory and methods.
- (iv) To promote impact assessment that recognises and accommodates different social and cultural values, including those of indigenous peoples.
- (v) To promote and encourage a high standard of practice amongst members of the Association and others using impact assessment methods, in accordance with the Code of Ethics.
- (vi) To recognise and consider the Treaty of Waitangi.
- (vii) To undertake or encourage initiatives, consistent with the other objects, powers and resources of the Association, to promote or advance the protection of the environment.



EIANZ and the NZAIA share a common objective to promote the application of impact assessment in development planning and decision-making and are committed to the development of the field for the benefit of their members, the profession, and to provide a significant contribution to the achievement of the goal of sustainable development.

Details of Cooperation

NZAIA and EIANZ agree jointly to

- Promote and enhance the quality of impact assessment
- Promote academic exchange and professional training
- Encourage participation in NZAIA and EIANZ conferences and activities
- Encourage co-ordination of their respective events, to avoid undue overlap or duplication, and conflicts in timing
- Develop improved communication tools, particularly via the internet, to enhance the dissemination of impact assessment related information allowing our members to exchange their views, ideas, and experience
- Provide hot links to each other's websites
- Actively pursue opportunities for collaboration, including for promoting improved impact assessment in the South Pacific

Obligations of Both Parties

EIANZ will:

- Allow NZAIA members to participate in EIANZ events at EIANZ member rates
- Allow NZAIA members to become members of the EIANZ SIS-IA with the same rights as EIANZ members
- Promote NZAIA events through its networks and newsletters
- Designate a coordinator for exchange of information between EIANZ and NZAIA
- Send relevant information on EIANZ activities and news to the designated NZAIA coordinator
- Establish and maintain a website on impact assessment in Australia and New Zealand to facilitate information exchange
- Encourage NZ based members of the EIANZ SIS-IA to become members of NZAIA



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- Promote relevant EIANZ events through its networks and newsletters
- Designate a coordinator for exchange of information between EIANZ and NZAIA
- Send relevant information on NZAIA activities and news to the designated EIANZ coordinator
- Assist in establishing and maintaining a website on impact assessment in Australia and New Zealand to facilitate information exchange.

NZAIA and EIANZ are not responsible for each other's operating structure and activities; each organisation operates separately and independently. Neither organisation is responsible or liable for the actions or activities of the other.

Neither NZAIA nor EIANZ are empowered to make statement regarding professional policies or related pronouncements on behalf of each other without prior agreement.

This MoU shall continue for three years. It may be cancelled or renegotiated by either party, by giving the other party one month's written notice of such cancellation or revision.

Signed for by NZAIA

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**Richard Morgan, Convenor
NZAIA**

Signed for by EIANZ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Haylock".

**Bill Haylock, President
EIANZ**