ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES SIG (ELSIG)

OUR AIM

The aim of Environmental Laboratory Special Interest Group (ELSIG) is to give environmental testing laboratories a unified voice and a platform for collaboration and advocacy

ELSIG aims to:

- Unify the environmental laboratory sector
- Promote best practices across the industry
- Provide a collective voice in regulatory and technical discussions
- Represent laboratories on Australian Standards and other relevant committees to develop and review environmental testing standards
- Offer guidance on sample handling, preservation, and testing methodologies
- Support innovation through advice on technical queries and emerging methods

By bringing labs together, ELSIG helps share knowledge, solve common challenges, and ensure that standards and policies are both scientifically sound and practical

OUR HISTORY

- The predecessor ELIG was formed in 2002 by David Burns and David Springer to unify the Australian environmental laboratory sector
- Instead of working alone, labs worked together to find practical, collective solutions
- Relaunching under ALGA in 2025 gives ELSIG a bigger platform to address today's challenges as emerging contaminants, tighter deadlines, and greater data scrutiny but also to connect with the wider land and groundwater community

2025-2026 COMMITTEE

- Alex Stenta - Envirolab
- Angelique Lang-Frey - Eurofins
- Danny Slee - NMI
- David Springer - Envirolab
- Eddie Ibrahim - SGS
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- Kate Smith - SAL
- Kris Mobberley - Sydney Water
- Rick Krassoi - Ecotox
- Ros Ma - SGS
- Scott James (co chair) - ALS

PROJECTS

Accomplished Projects

- Statement on PFAS Analysis in Organic Waste Matrix for a regulator
- NATA SAC (Specific Accreditation Criteria) Life Science review

Future Projects

- Webinars
- Further enquiry from another regulator on harmonisation of testing
- Collaboration with Australasian Sustainable Remediation Forum (SuRF ANZ)
- Collaborations wit ACLCA

GET IN TOUCH

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