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Award of Merit

Leigh Alexander Auton

"For meritorious contributions to the practice of planning and service to the profession."

The New Zealand Planning Institute® is pleased to announce the Award of Merit to Leigh Auton.

The award is an acknowledgement of the sustained meritorious contributions that Leigh Auton has made to planning practice and in his service to the profession. Leigh was elected to the NZPI®'s Council in 1988 and served until 1998, being President from 1994 to 1996. Leigh's leadership did much to establish the Institute's current proficient procedures and practices, as well as to establish strong links with other national and international organisations that continue to this day.

As a professional planner, Leigh continues to have an outstanding career. He is the Director of Environmental Management for one of New Zealand's largest cities. He is revered for his ability to work successfully in a political environment while consistently producing exemplary planning outcomes. He is also eminent in his mentoring, leading staff and colleagues to develop and give of their best.

The legacy of Leigh's leadership of the NZPI® has ensured that the Institute is well positioned to maintain its position as the foremost organisation to represent the professional interests of planners in New Zealand. Further, Leigh has demonstrated that the profession of planning is much more than just good practice in resource management. Leigh's meritorious contribution to planning practice has been especially to demonstrate the importance of a willingness to accept challenges that leads to the development and implementation of planning in its broadest sense.