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## LEIGH AUTON

Leigh Auton is founding Director of Auton & Associates Ltd. He is a Trustee of the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and Teach First NZ. He is Chair of the Pulman Park Trust and the Papakura Kootuitui Trust. Leigh joined the Board of Housing New Zealand in July 2018.

Leigh was a Director of Auckland Council Property Ltd (ACPL) until its amalgamation with Waterfront Auckland to form Panuku Development Auckland in September 2015. He was Chair of the Recovery Solutions Group Trust prior to its merger with Richmond NZ Trust and was a Trustee of the new entity Emerge Aotearoa for one year, completing his term on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Leigh stepped down by rotation as Director and Chair of the Ngapuhi Asset Holding Company (NAHC) and its subsidiaries in September 2017. He was until February 2018 the Chair of Northland Deepwater GP Limited, the deep-sea fishing arm of Ngapuhi. In July 2018 Leigh stepped down from Habitat for Humanity Greater Auckland, and in February 2019 he stepped down from Sistema Aotearoa.



Auton & Associates Ltd is a company established to provide leadership and direction in areas of governance, strategic thinking and environmental planning. The company has clients in both the public and private sectors. Assignments include strategic reviews and plans, governance and leadership facilitation, project facilitation and advice, and planning services.

Recent assignments include a governance review for Auckland Council (2017), and facilitation for Watercare on a major water and waste water project in southern Auckland (2016-17). Current contracts include leadership of town centre redevelopment of the Manurewa and Papakura Town Centres, and is a Strategic Advisor to Te Runanga-A-Iwi-o-Ngapuhi.

Leigh was the Chief Executive of Manukau City Council, a position that terminated with the formation of the new Auckland Council on 1 November 2010. Prior to this role he was Director of Environmental Management for the Council, with responsibility for planning and infrastructure in the City.

He was appointed by the Central Government to the Board of Inquiry for the proposed Men's Prison at Wiri in 2011, to the Review Panel for Kaipara District Council in 2012 and was a member of the Local Government Commission from August 2015 until April 2017.

Leigh was appointed Interim CEO at Tauranga City Council, following the unexpected death of the incumbent CEO in June 2012. He led a Council restructure programme, including a review of Council Controlled Organisations and assisted with the appointment of the new Chief Executive. This appointment finished in April 2013.

Leigh has extensive local government experience with a particular background in planning, infrastructure and transport. He has been involved in issues at national, regional and local levels in New Zealand. Leigh has had significant engagement with Iwi over a number of decades.

He is a former President and Inaugural Fellow of the NZ Planning Institute and, in November 2009, he received a Distinguished Service Award for his significant contribution over many years to the image and practice of planning. He received a 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Award from the Eastern Regional Organisation for Planning and Human Settlements (EAROPH) in October 2010, for his contribution to Planning and Human Settlements in NZ.

Leigh is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Directors.

He has lived in Counties Manukau for 40 years. Leigh holds Master of Arts (Hons) in Geography and Master of Town Planning (Hons) degrees.