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LEIGH AUTON - Director Bio

Leigh Auton is founding Director of Auton & Associates Ltd. He holds several Board positions including Chair of the Ngapuhi Asset Holding Company (NAHC), Director of Ngapuhi Service Station Ltd (NSSL), Director of Ngapuhi Books and Stationery Ltd (NBSL) and Chair of Northland Deepwater GPLtd. Leigh was Chair of the Recovery Solutions Group Trust and Director of Recovery Solutions Property Trust and Recovery Solutions Services Ltd prior to their Merger with Richmond NZ and is now a Trustee of the new entity, Emerge Aotearoa Trust. He was a Director of Auckland Council Property Ltd (ACPL) for five years prior to its merger with Waterfront Auckland to become Development Auckland. He is a Trustee of More Than a Roof New Zealand, a member of the Sistema Aotearoa (Otara) Steering Group, administered by the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, and Trustee of the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. He is Inaugural Chair of the Papakura Kōtuitui Trust. He is, or has been, on a wide range of Advisory Boards and Committees in the public sector. From November 2010 until July 2011 Leigh was a member of the Board of Inquiry for the Men's Prison at Wiri, and from June to September 2012 he was a member of the Government appointed review team for Kaipara District Council. Leigh has been appointed to a 3 year term as a Commissioner on the Local Government Commission, which began in August 2015.



Auton & Associates Ltd is a company established to provide leadership and direction in areas of governance, strategic thinking and environmental management. The company has clients in both the public and private sectors.

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.

Leigh was appointed interim CEO at Tauranga City Council from June 2012 until 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 was instrumental in establishing a range of council-owned companies such as Manukau Water Limited, Tomorrow's Manukau Properties Ltd, Manukau Building Consultants Ltd and Manukau Leisure Limited.

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 50th 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 has lived in Counties Manukau for over 30 years and is actively involved in his community through Rotary International (Manukau City Sunrise Club). He holds a Master of Arts (Hons) in Geography and a Master of Town Planning (Hons) degree.