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## CV of Larry. N. Mitchell CA.

### Public Sector Finance and Policy Analyst

Master of Public Policy (Vic), B Com, C.A.

#### Personal

Larry has over 30 years active experience of commerce, chartered accounting and more recently public sector finance and policy.

Holder of both a New Zealand and Canadian passport, Larry runs his own consultancy business from Puhoi, 40 km north of Auckland, New Zealand.

Larry travels extensively, principally of late in North America (Canada) and the Middle East conducting local government and business development assignments. Larry services the New Zealand local government sector with financial and policy advice. He markets the *'Base Stats with Trendz'* statistical reports to over 30 Councils.



#### Credentials

Larry graduated B Com. in 1967 (Accounting, Economics and English). Larry served as a pilot in the RNZAF before taking up public accountancy. Following over twenty years experience as a partner in Coopers and Lybrand's Auckland office in 1996 he graduated Master of Public Policy in public sector finance.

Larry has authored numerous research papers including those concerned with public sector organisational performance measurement, benchmarking and more recently the quality of community 'data'; see [www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/marketing/LTCCPdataFirstPrinciples.doc](http://www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/marketing/LTCCPdataFirstPrinciples.doc) 'research paper'. Larry recently, (April 2005) published his annual broadly based analysis of the New Zealand Local Government sector, the *'Findings 2005'* volume. His latest research paper is Debt Maxima see [www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/resourcelib/DebtMaxima.pdf](http://www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/resourcelib/DebtMaxima.pdf).

#### Reference sites and work history

Larry retired in 1992 from Coopers and Lybrand Auckland as their National public sector partner, as audit partner in charge of two top 50 New Zealand public company's and after serving for three years on secondment to the Government Audit office as a Senior Director.

His corporate experience includes audit and management services consultancy to two very large food supply and exporting companies (Foodstuffs NZ and Turners and Growers Ltd) audit services to a security company (Waterhouse UK Group ... Securitas NZ Ltd) and New



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Zealand's largest manufacturer and white goods exporter as audit engagement partner for over 10 years, Fisher and Paykel Ltd.

Larry served on the ICANZ (NZ Institute) Quality Practice Review team for two years and assisted in development of CA practice standards.

He held the post of Lecturer in Management Accounting at Massey University (at Albany) for three years while he completed his post graduate studies in Public Policy and in 1996 commenced sole practice as a CA (current holder of a ICANZ Public Practice certificate) and as a Finance and Policy analyst.

He took an active role in public sector standard development including infrastructural asset accounting practice. Larry was appointed as sole auditor of the Institute of Chartered Accountants a post he held for three years in the 'late nineties'.

Larry currently numbers over 30 New Zealand Councils as his clients and his more recent (last two years) assignments include:

- Business planning and organizational re-engineering for a medium sized New Zealand provincial rural Council.
- Rating, funding and debt management financial planning for a similar Council.
- Investigation and reporting of break downs in internal controls and budgeting for a large public organisation.
- Development of public sector 'Outcomes' reporting tools (websites) and rates calculation models see [www.measures.net.nz](http://www.measures.net.nz) and [www.ltccp.co.nz](http://www.ltccp.co.nz)
- Preparation of large (NZ \$12 M) compensation claim for Oyster Farmers adversely affected by Council actions.
- Representation, legal, commercial and community based claim of high worth individuals associated with rating relief.
- Production and Marketing (since 1998) of over 30 sets of Council data as the '*Base Stats with Trendz*' reports see [www.kauriglen.co.nz](http://www.kauriglen.co.nz)
- Community involvement and small business advice as a local CA and Justice of the Peace.

## **Overseas experience**

Larry has spent a considerable amount of his life overseas commencing with a period of three years resident in Melbourne Australia and as serving Air Force officer in the Far East, the Pacific (an extended period in Fiji) and on the West Coast of North America.

Larry visits Canada every year to conduct local government liaison and research with the Frontier Centre of Policy Studies, Winnipeg City and St Rose Shire.

Whilst at Coopers and Lybrand (1990 and 1992) Larry was directly involved in a number of assignments associated with the World Bank.



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Larry also served in an audit role in Sydney and Singapore with TNT (Plc) Ltd over a period of five years on regular six weekly secondments.

The first involved a transportation and logistics study for the Government of Kiribati. The second was a comprehensive review and report of local government options in PNG (Port Moresby).

Larry has recently worked extensively on public private partnership contracting and its methodology with the Rodney District Council (NZ), PWC Melbourne and the Victorian Treasury.

Larry has recently established business relationships with a Kuwait based logistics company (April 2005) and is involved in the merger acquisition of a security company contracting with coalition forces.

Larry has a working relationship with a distance learning University in Dubai and is interested in furthering these Middle Eastern associations in conjunction with possible complementary work in this region.

Larry visits Washington (DC) on a regular basis, Atlanta Georgia (Gwinnet County) and has associations on local government financial issues with the Suva City Council and PWC in Fiji.

## **Larry's skill sets**

Larry is, in every sense a discriminating user of computer technology including all current Microsoft 'XP' business software. Larry, with added technical assistance has developed a large number of applied business models and database applications including rates calculation models, budgetary processes, business plans, applied website applications and on line reference tools for public sector application.

Larry runs his business as a tele-commuter from any location on the planet using laptop, cell phone and supported by the services of a full time New Zealand based researcher and administrative assistant.

Larry works with skilled associates including a business services and commercial analyst, a legal and international taxation specialist and a computer development specialist.

Larry is experienced in project leadership and team management situations, business planning and systems development with organizations ranging in scale from some very large internationals (Pfizer, Nissan, TNT) to local players, (Fisher and Paykel, Turners and Growers) and local organizations (most New Zealand territorial local authorities including the Tamaki City Council amalgamation).

**Terms of employment are negotiable, indicative contract daily rate excluding all expenses and reasonable disbursements is NZ \$1,500 (US\$ 1,000) ... per 10 hour day.**