



## **NZAIA Conference 2009 Keynote Speaker – Phil McDermott**

Phil has a long-standing background in industrial, regional, urban and community development. Phil has worked extensively throughout New Zealand and Australia as an advisor to business and governments. He has also conducted transport, trade, economic development and tourism related assignments throughout Asia. Phil is an adjunct Professor of Urban and Regional Development at AUT, specialising in economic development, urban studies and local government. He was previously Chair of Resource and Environmental Planning at Massey University.

A consultant with Cityscope Consultants, Auckland, Phil is a leader and manager for large multidisciplinary projects. He has completed over 300 consulting assignments covering regional and land use development, sector studies (forestry, energy, farming, primary processing, electronics, tourism), local government policy, planning and restructuring, local economic development studies, feasibility analysis for the private and public sectors, domestic and international freight and passenger transport studies (with particular emphasis on international aviation), policy analysis for local and central government, economic and social impact assessments, town planning, social development and others. He has written numerous book chapters, journal articles and working papers. He is a member of the New Zealand Planning Institute and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, New Zealand.