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Air New Zealand announces the appointment of Karen Clayton to the role of General Counsel and Company Secretary, effective 12 December, reporting to CFO Rob McDonald.

Karen had most recently held the role of General Counsel at Mercury. In this role she was responsible for leading a team of six lawyers, setting the strategic direction and managing the performance of the in-house legal team. She was also Mercury's Privacy Officer with responsibility for the management of their privacy management framework, and secretary of the Board's Risk Assurance and Audit Committee.

Prior to coming to New Zealand, Karen was UK General Counsel and Company Secretary for National Grid plc, a UK FTSE 20 and US NYSE-listed international gas and electricity company, from 2009 to November 2014, where she led a team of 28 lawyers and 16 assurance professionals. During her career she has worked as a solicitor in top tier law firms in both the UK and Australia, and is a regular speaker at events on legal, leadership, inclusion and diversity topics.

In August, Air New Zealand's General Counsel John Blair announced his intention to move on from his role at the end of the year after 20 years of valued service to the airline.

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