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Mark Binns to join Auckland Airport Board in April 2018

Auckland Airport has announced that Mark Binns will join its Board on 1 April 2018 and Auckland Airport shareholders will be asked to approve his appointment to the Board at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Mr Binns will fill a vacancy on the Board created by Michelle Guthrie's decision to step down as a director on 31 March 2018 to focus on her role as Managing Director of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Sir Henry van der Heyden, Auckland Airport's chair, says the Board thanks Michelle for her significant contribution over the past four years.

"On behalf of everyone at Auckland Airport, I thank Michelle for her much-valued contribution to the company since she became a director in 2013, especially the knowledge and experience she has shared in relation to digital channels and Asia market development."

"The Board of directors has selected Mark Binns to fill the vacancy that will be created by Michelle's departure next year."

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Mark Binns says he is honoured to be joining the Board of Auckland Airport.

“Auckland Airport is focused on delivering one of New Zealand’s most exciting infrastructure investment programmes. It is well on its way to implementing a 30-year vision and providing the infrastructure needed to accommodate the increasing number of passengers and aircraft using the airport.”

“I look forward to contributing my skills and experience to the Board and helping the company invest in tourism and trade growth, the customer experience and of course infrastructure,” says Mr Binns.

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Mark Binns was appointed Chief Executive of Meridian in January 2012. He retires from this role in December 2017, having prepared the company for New Zealand's largest IPO and delivered exceptional performance since listing.

Mark is the former Chief Executive of the Infrastructure Division of Fletcher Building Limited, the company's largest division. Mark worked at Fletcher Building and its predecessor, Fletcher Challenge Limited, for 22 years. During that period he was responsible for operations in Australia, South East Asia, India, South America, the United States and the South Pacific, as well as in New Zealand. Mark also held director roles in numerous subsidiary companies of the Fletcher Building group.

Mark's career has seen him closely involved in some of New Zealand's largest infrastructure projects, including the Wiri Prison public-private partnership, Waterview Connection, Eden Park, SKYCITY, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa and the Manapōuri tunnel.

By training, Mark is a qualified lawyer and, prior to joining Fletcher Challenge, he was a partner at Simpson Grierson in Auckland.

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**Sir Henry van der Heyden
Chair, Auckland Airport**