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Auckland Airport appoints new Chief Infrastructure Officer

Auckland Airport today announced the appointment of Murray Burt as Chief Infrastructure Officer as the transformation of New Zealand's gateway airport continues to gain momentum.

Mr Burt brings decades of infrastructure leadership experience, with an international career successfully managing design and delivery of major projects and complex infrastructure programmes, across a broad range of sectors including transport, water, energy, health, and education.

He joins Auckland Airport from Auckland Transport (AT), where he was Director of Infrastructure and Place, with responsibility for the organisation's transport asset portfolio and 10-year capital programme.

Prior to this, Mr Burt worked for the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), where he held Senior Global and Regional leadership roles overseeing major infrastructure delivery programmes across 60 countries, in some of the world's most politically complex and challenging environments.

Chief Executive Carrie Hurihanganui said Mr Burt's proven leadership and broad experience working in the delivery of large-scale developments made him an excellent fit to lead Auckland Airport's infrastructure development programme.

"Auckland Airport stands as one of New Zealand's most strategic infrastructure assets, an essential conduit for trade and tourism and the gateway for New Zealanders to explore the world," she said.

"Our development programme will deliver the essential, resilience infrastructure our country needs for the future, and we are delighted to welcome Murray on board to lead this critical work.

"He's a values-driven leader who brings with him deep engineering expertise and extensive experience in the delivery of complex infrastructure assets, and I know all of this will make him a great addition to the AKL team."

A Chartered Professional Engineer, Mr Burt spent the early part of his career working on infrastructure projects in New Zealand, before moving offshore, where he worked for United Nations and other humanitarian agencies, overseeing the delivery of large-scale infrastructure in countries impacted by conflict and natural disasters. These included the Syrian war, Haiti earthquake and Asian tsunami. For this work Murray was awarded the NZ Special Service Medal by the NZ Government.

After seven years with United Nations, he joined AT where he held responsibility for delivery of the \$16 billion capital programme and management of the \$28 billion portfolio of land transport,





aviation, and marine assets. This included major projects, such as, City Rail Link and the Eastern Busway, and the organisation's Road Asset Management and Resilience Programme.

Mr Burt said: "I'm excited about the opportunity to lead the infrastructure team at Auckland Airport during a time when we are delivering transformational infrastructure improvements at the key gateway airport for New Zealand".

Mr Burt will join Auckland Airport on 19 January 2026.

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