

# Auckland Transition Agency

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### Statement from Mark Ford, Executive Chairman, Auckland Transition Agency

It has been agreed between the Auckland Transition Agency (ATA) and the recruitment company Momentum that Michelle Boag will withdraw from her involvement in recruiting two roles for the Auckland Council, ATA Executive Chairman Mark Ford said today.

“There has been recent political criticism of her involvement in the process. This is causing an unnecessary distraction and Momentum has accepted that Ms Boag standing aside is appropriate,” he said.

Mr Ford said that Momentum won the contract to recruit around 45 Auckland Council staff positions on the basis of a robust tender process. Their tender best met all the criteria in the ATA’s request for proposal and was the lowest price. Ms Boag was one of 12 Momentum employees identified in the proposal document.

Mr Ford is confident that the tender process is best practice and will stand up to any scrutiny.

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