



# Media Release

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## **Prestigious road transport prize awarded to BoP regulator**

Retired NZTA Senior Transport Officer and Bay of Plenty resident Paul Chapman has been awarded the Supreme Contribution to New Zealand Road Transport Award at this year's Road Transport Forum Annual Conference in Tauranga.

Paul received the award for a career dedicated to supporting and encouraging operators in the tough road transport sector to meet their compliance obligations as well helping to address important safety issues across the sector.

Paul has been instrumental in building good relationships between NZTA, the various road transport associations and the broader industry. The Industry Consultation Meetings and Service Providers Consultation Meetings that he set up have given operators, associations and government officials the ability to talk freely and honestly with each other and address issues before they escalate.

"Paul's support and contribution to our industry is without question," says RTF Chief Executive Ken Shirley. "As one nominator put it, 'Paul has given his working life to the heavy vehicle industry,' and it is fantastic that his nomination was supported by so many across the sector."

Nominators credited Paul's knowledge of the industry as second to none.

"Paul is a true friend of the road transport industry and he fully deserves this award," says Mr Shirley.

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