AIR NEW ZEALAND INTRODUCES WORLD FIRST BIOMETRIC BAG DROP

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Air New Zealand is claiming another world first with its **new electronic bag drops** at Auckland International Airport.

The national carrier said checking-in would be faster with the new bag drops which featured "world-first biometric technology".

The technology was similar to that used by SmartGates, where passengers scan their passports and boarding passes to have their identities verified by a biometric camera.

Once identification has been confirmed passengers weigh their bags which are then processed through the airline's baggage handling system.

Five bag drops have been installed at Auckland Airport with eight more being installed in early

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In November Air New Zealand claimed another first by introducing monitoring bracelets for minors, called Airbands.

The wristband is embedded with a chip which is scanned at stages of the journey, triggering text notifications to be sent to up to five nominated contacts.

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