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# Air NZ apologises over Erebus tragedy

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Thirty years after the Erebus tragedy, Air New Zealand has apologised for the first time to the families of those killed.

An Air New Zealand DC-10 was on a sightseeing flight to the Antarctic when it slammed into the side of Mount Erebus on November 28, 1979, killing 237 passengers and 20 crew.

The airline's chief executive Rob Fyfe made the apology at the unveiling of a sculpture commemorating the disaster at the airline's head office in Auckland on Friday morning.

Fyfe says a number of families were let down by Air New Zealand, the airline made mistakes and the grieving families did not receive the compassion they should have.

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