

# Submission on developing the Aotearoa New Zealand Aerospace Strategy

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## Overview of the Aerospace Strategy

- Question 1:** Do the four areas above provide the right basis for the Aerospace Strategy?
- Question 2:** What are the critical factors that you see for aerospace sector development?
- Question 3:** How would an Aerospace Strategy help you?

Please type your submission below. If applicable, please indicate the question(s) to which you are responding.

- 1) Yes.
- 2) Self-reliance.
- 3) Greater national power.

## Area One - A strategy for building our aerospace sector

- Question 4:** Is the 2030 Future State set out in a way that enables New Zealand to build on its existing advantages to develop a leading place in the global aerospace economy?
- Question 5:** Will the 2030 Future State support your ambitions for growth and participation in the sector?
- Question 6:** What barriers are there to optimising sector growth?
- Question 7:** How could the government and the sector work together to achieve the 2030 Future State?
- Question 8:** How can the Government enable Māori ambitions for the sector?

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4 & 5) No. Insufficient focus on local manufacturing and compliance with international law.

6) Collaboration with hostile foreign actors. Foreign companies like 'Rocket Lab' do nothing to advance New Zealand and their activities endanger the people of New Zealand, particularly those on the Mahia Peninsula.

7) State owned enterprises and funding for cooperatives. Restrictions on technology transfer to foreign states.

## Area Two - Building strong foundations (Three Pillars)

**Question 9:** What do you think of the Three Pillars and do you think they will support the 2030 Future State?

**Question 10:** What else would you like to see in the Three Pillars?

**Question 11:** What actions and initiatives could the sector focus on to support the Three Pillars?

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9) Limited in scope. No focus on manufacturing here.

10) Development of indigenous weapons technology to better defend New Zealand, or collaboration with responsible foreign parties like the Islamic Republic of Iran and the People's Republic of China to do so.

Manufacturing should take place in New Zealand or friendly nations like the People's Republic of China. Information disclosure should not allow corporate espionage by rogue states like the USA.

## Area Three - Goals for 2030

**Question 12:** What do you think of the Goals for 2030?

**Question 13:** Are the goals framed in a way that will enable New Zealand to build on its strengths and comparative advantages to achieve the 2030 Future State?

**Question 14:** What activities and milestones can help us achieve these Goals?

**Question 15:** Where do you see yourself in realising these Goals?

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12) Limited and short sighted.

New Zealand has previously committed to the peaceful use of space, opposition to war crimes, and to oppose the proliferation and use of weapons of mass destruction.

Companies like Rocket Lab that openly collaborate with the American military are operating directly at odds with those commitments. The American military exists solely to commit war crimes against innocent human beings, has been involved in several outright illegal wars of aggression in this century alone, and continues to illegally occupy peaceful nations like Syria to support ISIS, Al Nusra Front, and other terrorist groups there.

The American military has previously used space technology to provide targetting intelligence for the use of weapons of mass destruction, as even Foreign Policy magazine has admitted (<https://foreignpolicy.com/2013/08/26/exclusive-cia-files-prove-america-helped-saddam-as-he-gassed-iran/>). Any space launches conducted for Americans, whether for communications or reconnaissance purposes, will be used for similar purposes in future. Continued collaboration with the US is a crime against humanity and a violation of our international treaty obligations for disarmament and the peaceful uses of space.

The use of New Zealand soil to launch military payloads for the US rogue state is making Mahia Peninsula a legitimate military target for any country attacked by America, as they are wont to do every year or two. This is utterly unacceptable.

13) No. New Zealand should additionally focus on developing indigenous weapons technologies to better defend against hostile rogue states like the USA.

## Area Four - Pathway to the 2030 Future State

**Question 16:** What policies, ideas, actions, and/or initiatives would you like to see in the Action Plan to help achieve the ambitious 2030 Future State?

**Question 17:** What would be the benefits of these actions and how would they help grow the New Zealand aerospace sector?

**Question 18:** How would you like to be involved in the delivery of the Aerospace Strategy?

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16) Restrictions on collaboration with human rights offenders like the USA, restrictions on information transfer, commitments to local manufacturing.

17) It won't entail the government handing money over to an agent of a hostile foreign power (the USA), which has murdered millions of people and displaced tens of millions more as refugees in this century alone, without delivering tangible.

This nation gains nothing from handing money over to foreign owned companies like Rocket Lab to make the world a worse place.