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Tēnā koe,

Please find responses to questions from consultation document for New Zealand Space Policy Review September 2022.

**Why are you interested in space?**

We are interested in space because:

- we have a responsibility to protect and care for our taonga including, whenua, moana and te ātea
- we are connected to te whānau marama and all elements of space
- we are concerned about the impact of space activity on our lives and that of our tamariki and mokopuna
- we are concerned about the impact of space activity on those under threat of or engaged in war
- our marae is situated close to an existing space station

**To what extent do you agree with the space values and policies which currently guide New Zealand's activities and engagements on space?**

We do not agree with the current space values. Space activity in Aotearoa should be underpinned by Te Tiriti o Waitangi and acknowledge the connection and knowledge of tangata whenua, including the following principles:

1. **Tino Rangatiratanga** - acknowledge the special role and connection of not only land owners but also tangata whenua, including responsibility for authentic partnerships and recognition of tikanga
2. **Whakamarumarū** - protection of taiao and ātea as sacred spaces connected to tangata whenua by whakapapa and kōrero tuku iho
3. **Rangimārie** - to ensure space activity does not cause harm or support war activities
4. **Pono** - to work in a way that is transparent and ethical including a responsibility for education and plain English (or Māori) communications

**Who should the New Zealand government be engaging with on space?**

NZ government should be seeking specific engagement and understandings from tangata whenua.

**How do you want to be engaged on space issues?**

We would like to be engaged with, in plain English, face to face, regularly and honestly. We consider the timeframe for this consultation as prohibitive to full participation.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our submission further  
nā mātou nā Tuahuru Marae Trustees

Signed by

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