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Page 3: Submitter Information

Q1

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Q2**No**

Are you making this submission on behalf of a business or organisation?

Q3**Yes**

Would you like to be kept informed of the outcome of the Space Policy Review?

Q4**Yes**

Are you happy for MBIE to contact you if we have questions about your submission?

Q5**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q6

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Page 4: New Zealand's interests in space

Q7

What are your interests and relationship to space? Pick as many as apply below:

General interest in space,

Other (please specify):

Commitment to peace, climate justice, and supporting tino rangatiratanga

Q8

Please note any other interests and relationship to space below that you would like to share.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: New Zealand's values in space

Q9

To what extent do you agree or disagree that these values should apply to New Zealand's space activities and engagements?

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Innovation | Disagree |
| Responsibility | Disagree |
| Stewardship | Disagree |
| Partnership | Disagree |

Q10

Are there any other values, or aspects of kaitiakitanga (guardianship), that you think should apply to New Zealand's space activities and engagements? For example, cultural values regarding space.

I disagree that the above values should apply to space. There are other values including tino rangatiratanga, peace, and climate justice, human rights, and transparency + clear communication + accountability that seem much more important.

Page 6: New Zealand's space policy objectives

Q11

Rank these key policy objectives in order of importance to you: Click and drag to reorder the objectives from 1 (most important) to 5 (least important)

Respondent skipped this question

Page 7: Growing an innovative and inclusive space sector

Q12

To what extent do you agree or disagree that these policy objectives will help the New Zealand government to grow an innovative and inclusive space sector?

Respondent skipped this question

Q13

Do you have any comments on these policy objectives? (e.g. any suggested change to how they are framed? Is there anything missing?)

“Promoting the responsible uses of space internationally” and “Regulating to ensure space activities are safe and secure” means that activities in space cannot be used for militaristic purposes, including any purposes associated with weapons, combat communications, spying or other espionage . Public policy should not support space activities designed to benefit weapons producers including weapons communications systems. The framing seems to be focused on growing the industry - prompted by Rocket Lab - rather than a policy that serves mana whenua, everyone in New Zealand, and the citizens of the world - i.e. a peaceful policy.

Q14

Are there any other policy objectives that you think would help the New Zealand government to grow an innovative and inclusive space sector?

There is much more advocacy New Zealand could do internationally towards an equitable and peaceful space sector - if and when we are no longer charging full steam ahead with military payloads.

Q15

Do you have any questions or comments about what these objectives would mean in practice?

Again, they seem to be written for industry rather than what is genuinely in the public interest.

Page 8: Promoting the responsible uses of space internationally

Q16

To what extent do you agree or disagree that these policy objectives will help the New Zealand government to promote the responsible uses of space internationally?

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| Advocating for effective international rules, norms and standards in space | Strongly disagree |
| Partnering with like-minded launch states to adopt peaceful, responsible and sustainable space practices | Strongly disagree |
| Collaborating internationally to increase New Zealand's influence and capabilities in the global space sector | Neither agree nor disagree |

Q17

Do you have any comments on these policy objectives (e.g. any suggested change to how they are framed? Is there anything missing?)

NZ must promote an exclusively peaceful use of space, which is currently not the case.
Don't allow launches that contribute to weapons systems development and spying technology.

Q18

Are there any other policy objectives that you think would help the New Zealand government to promote the responsible uses of space internationally?

Recognising tino rangatiratanga

Recognising New Zealand's obligations under international treaties

Working for peace and disarmament

Don't allow launches that contribute to weapons systems and spying technology.

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any questions or comments about what these objectives would mean in practice?

Page 9: Protecting and advancing our national security and economic interests

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

To what extent do you agree or disagree that these policy objectives will help the New Zealand government to protect and advance our national security and economic interests?

Q21

Do you have any comments on these policy objectives (e.g. any suggested change to how they are framed? Is there anything missing?)

New Zealand's interests are best served by peace, diplomacy and collective work on an international level. Space policy should include the security and wellbeing interests of the most vulnerable populations on the planet, and non-human life on Earth.

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any other policy objectives that you think would help the New Zealand government to protect and advance our national security and economic interests?

Q23

Do you have any questions or comments about what these objectives would mean in practice?

NZ needs independent space policy, not decisions that serve foreign powers interests and have an assumed economic benefit to NZ.

Page 10: Modelling sustainable space and Earth environments

Q24

To what extent do you agree or disagree that these policy objectives will help the New Zealand government to model sustainable space and Earth environments?

Encouraging inclusive, sustainable space collaborations within New Zealand **Disagree**

Assessing the cumulative impact of space activities on the Earth environment **Disagree**

Assisting with solving sustainability challenges through space data, including to better monitor or understand the Earth's environment **Disagree**

Investing in New Zealand's capability to retain, grow, access and use sustainable space technologies **Disagree**

Q25

Do you have any comments on these policy objectives (e.g. any suggested change to how they are framed? Is there anything missing?)

Define 'safe and secure' – you currently permit launches that contribute to weapons systems development and spying technology – these provide security to some stakeholders, but not to everyone. Risks and costs include potential explosions impacting workers and mana whenua, damage at the launch sites, impacts on the ozone and climate impacts - and the proliferation of war with it's miserable costs.

Q26

Are there any other policy objectives that you think would help the New Zealand government to model sustainable space and Earth environments?

Launches that contribute to weapons systems and spying systems should not be allowed - this should be a policy objective. That would contribute to sustainability.

Q27

Do you have any questions or comments about what these objectives would mean in practice?

Companies, politicians and bureaucrats can justify nuclear weapons on the basis that they add safety and security (to some groups), so you need to be far more specific to exclude ANY weapons systems development and any technology associated with spying for public or private actors.

Page 11: Regulating to ensure space activities are safe and secure

Q28

Respondent skipped this question

To what extent do you agree or disagree that these policy objectives will help the New Zealand government to promote the responsible uses of space internationally?

Q29

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any comments on these policy objectives (e.g. any suggested change to how they are framed? Is there anything missing?)

Q30

Are there any other policy objectives that you think would help the New Zealand government to ensure space activities are safe and secure?

Not allowing any military-purpose payloads.

Not supporting a new activity if it will increase greenhouse gas emissions.

Q31

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any questions or comments about what these objectives would mean in practice?

Page 12: Regulating in line with our national interests

Q32

Are there any comments you would like to make about these criteria that inform consideration of the national interest?

“space activities from New Zealand should be conducted in a way that does not jeopardise human safety” - it’s kind of meaningless if it provides for current launches that contribute to weapons systems development and spying technology.

We need to go beyond the national interest, to the global interest - this industry serves powerful, wealthy individuals, companies and countries - so fix the policy to ensure it serves the most vulnerable everywhere, NOT the most powerful.

Q33

What questions do you have about how the national interest is considered in practice?

Why is this consultation so limited in scope in terms of how it has engaged citizens and the focus of the questions? Why has it not started with mana whenua? Why does it not address questions of the peaceful use of space as per our international commitments?
