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Q1

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Q2

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

Yes (Please tell us your company/organisation):
Peace Action Wellington

Q3

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

Yes

Q4

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

Yes

Q5

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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:

Other (please specify):

Anti-war/Peace Movement

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.

These values (innovation, responsibility, stewardship, partnership) have not been upheld in any meaningful way over the past 5 years. In particular:

Innovation:

NZ's entire space programme was started as a reaction to Rocket Lab - this is not innovative, but reactionary
Little in the way of a clear focus of NZ's interests in this area. Beyond a very commercially-driven and US-military focus
It is bizarre (and perhaps revealing) that a Space programme should be situated within MBIE and not a dedicated scientific agency.

Responsibility:

it is not responsible to approve payload launches where most of the information about them is classified by the US government.
It is not responsible to allow the launching into space of surveillance satellites where the data may be onsold to private and state agents for purposes contrary to human rights
It is not responsible to approve payloads for weapons guidance systems, albeit even in the development phase for the technology.
Dual purpose technology exists, but where the client is a military agency and its suppliers, the application of the technology is clearly for military purposes.

Stewardship

It is difficult to reconcile any space programme with environmental stewardship given the massive impact that launches have in terms of fossil fuel use and ecological damage. Aside from the launches themselves is the desecration of the landscape where launchpads sit, and the polluting of surrounding waters.

Partnership

The experience of Tangata Whenua/Rongmaiwahine on the Mahia peninsula is disturbing. At the very least, Rocket Lab provided assurances that the facility would not be used for military purposes. This is clearly not the case

Rather than a values-based approach, a principles-based approach to a space policy would be more appropriate. Those principles should be

Te Tiriti Justice

Rangimarie / Peace

Mana Tangata / Human Rights

Kaitiakitanga / Ecological Care & Climate Justice

Transparency

Cultural values regarding space include the need to keep it free from space junk that is polluting the night sky and posing a risk to life on Earth.

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)

Growing an innovative and inclusive space sector	5
Modelling sustainable space and Earth environments	3
Promoting the responsible uses of space internationally	1
Protecting and advancing our national security and economic interests	4
Regulating to ensure space activities are safe and secure	2

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?

Promoting New Zealand's natural advantage for conducting space activities, and research and development expertise across the space value chain	Neither agree nor disagree
Partnering within New Zealand and internationally to increase research and development capabilities	Neither agree nor disagree
Identifying opportunities to increase diversity in the space sector	Neither agree nor disagree
Using cutting-edge space technology and space sourced data to support New Zealand's values and interests	Neither agree nor disagree

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" to me means that activities in space cannot be used for war-making, cannot be used to target conventional or nuclear weapons, cannot be used for communications and information gathering that will be used harm an individual or a group of people.

Responsible, safe use of space needs to be defined as for research and information/communication purposes that are not associated with weapons, combat communications, spying or other espionage activities by either government or private entities.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q15

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

'Innovation' is not an acceptable goal if it is in the service of technology designed to damage and kill people. Just because we can do something, and make money out of it, doesn't mean we should do it. Public policy should not support space activities designed to benefit weapons producers including weapons communications systems.

Innovation and diversity for peaceful purposes is a great thing, but only when it is not used to justify support for the development and deployment of weapons systems, combat communications and spying activities.

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?

Advocating for effective international rules, norms and standards in space	Strongly agree
Partnering with like-minded launch states to adopt peaceful, responsible and sustainable space practices	Strongly agree
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?)

provided it is not space activities and R&D for weapons and spying technologies.

Q18

Respondent skipped this question

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

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

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?

Use space assets to protect and advance New Zealand's national security and economic interests	Disagree
Manage the broad range of security risks in space to protect New Zealand's space industry	Strongly disagree
Collaborate with international space and security partners to pursue New Zealand's national security and economic interests	Strongly disagree

Q21

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?)

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?

The space industry is the weapons industry. The NZ government should not be involved in "developing" it

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	Neither agree nor disagree
Assessing the cumulative impact of space activities on the Earth environment	Strongly agree
Assisting with solving sustainability challenges through space data, including to better monitor or understand the Earth's environment	Agree
Investing in New Zealand's capability to retain, grow, access and use sustainable space technologies	Strongly disagree

Q25

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?)

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

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

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

Q28

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?

Facilitating the safe and secure use of emerging space technologies from New Zealand **Strongly disagree**

Clarifying what New Zealand space activities are inconsistent with the national interest **Strongly agree**

Promoting and protecting New Zealand's interests through permitting space technologies **Disagree**

Q29

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

The use of US classified information as a basis for making decisions about space launches is totally unacceptable. There needs to be transparency and clarity about what space activities are being undertaken, by whom, for what purpose, what effects the activity might have and what data is gathered.

Q30

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

Narrow and clarify the scope of what constitutes NZ's national security
Prohibit the involvement of arms manufacturers in NZ's space industry

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?

We are not satisfied that many of the Rocket Lab's launches have been in NZ's national interest. The decisions to approve these launches have been based on classified US military information that is not even available to the Minister. There is simply no way that that can be acting in NZ's interests except some broad interest in relations with the US. The US's national security and NZ's national security are two quite different things - and it is obscene to conflate the two. More to the point, what we do know about these launches - such as the surveillance satellites, should raise real questions about what kind of data is being collected, and from whom - and if that targets New Zealanders.

Q33

Respondent skipped this question

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