

## Space Policy Review Submission

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It is important that New Zealand plays a role in the next frontier of exploration, of which space is. We need to create policy that attracts industry and talent to ensure we can play a role in this industry, while also balancing the need to protect what we value, adhere to the Treaty and enshrine our principals.

We should continue to be nuclear free as a country, and this includes launch of nuclear-powered objects, or packages that allow control of nuclear weapons, however we also need to be good allies, to assist other countries that we share values and policy aims, in this space race.

While war should be avoided at all costs, the launch of intelligence systems or weapons related systems that aren't nuclear, may be required in order for us to continue to be a good neighbour that supports a peaceful society and acts against those that don't. Creating policy that prohibits these kinds of launches or services will not stand us in good stead.

Rocket launches have impacts on the environment. For this reason, we should avoid frivolous launches, those which are for vanity projects or stunts, and offer no scientific, intelligence, demonstrative or protective advancement or benefit.