

Aotearoa New Zealand Aerospace Strategy - Submission

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Yes

No

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Independent and Personal Submission

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I'm a beneficiary/shareholder/landowner and current trustee on the Committee of Management for The Proprietors of Tawapata South Māori Incorporation. Because of the tight consultation timeline and deadline for submissions our committee have not considered or had time to develop a collective submission. Therefore, these are my personal views. The purpose of this submission is:

- a. Provide personal feedback for both Aerospace Strategy and Space Policy Review.
- b. To provide an option for Tawapata Inc to submit future collective feedback.
- c. Nurture new partnerships locally and internationally.

Objectives for this personal submission:

To be recognised, valued, and acknowledged.

The agreement between Rocket Lab and Tawapata Māori Incorporation gives Rocket Lab access to New Zealand's natural attributes. Our varied landscape, remote location, clear skies, and seas, offers one of the world's widest selections of launch angles (azimuths) for rocket launches. This partnership was the real catalyst for the creation of the New Zealand Space Agency (NZSA) in 2016. It is also the catalyst for all future growth, development, and innovation of the space sector locally and internationally.

I believe Tawapata Inc is a key stakeholder in the national space sector. We are ideally positioned and seek to be included in future discussions with government agencies to develop or regulate policies that impact us as a Tiriti partner and Maori landowner.

We aim to contribute to the leadership group including government and sector representatives.

Seek to be more active and visible as a sector representative in targeted workshops and requests.

Seek membership and participation in the Māori Stakeholders Group

For protection of ownership and protection of our land used for launch activities.

As kaitiaki our whakapapa binds us to the land. Our matauraga and cultural histories connect us deeply with earth and space environments.

I believe opportunities exist in Mahia to develop aerospace activities and R&D facilities that have the potential to generate significant and sustainable economic opportunities through job creation, capital investment and collaborations with adjacent sectors (e.g., academia, R&D, and science) serving the aerospace economy. All whilst protecting and rejuvenating our environment for future generations.

We look to develop inclusive, sustainable space collaborations within New Zealand that supports economic growth and international interests in space.

Advocate effective rules and laws (Māori Land Court) to protect land ownership used for launch activities.

Identify resources and access funding

Supporting these activities will involve modernising our existing systems and immediately build additional capacity, and capability to keep up with technology developments, including personnel. Failure to resource adequately will compromise chances of achieving goals, also damage New Zealand's reputation as an aerospace nation, making it difficult to maintain pace with this fast-moving sector.