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Space Policy Review
Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment
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Kia ora Space Policy team,

Thank you for circulating the New Zealand Space Policy Review consultation document, and for inviting feedback.

As the local economic development agency, ChristchurchNZ seeks to support local business and stimulate sustainable economic growth in Christchurch. Christchurch has a thriving aerospace sector which has grown rapidly, despite the challenges over the last few years. Given the potential for future growth, aerospace has been identified as a key sector for the city and remains as one of our priority areas going forward.

Overall, we are supportive of the values and space policy objectives outlined in the consultation document. These align well with the interests and values of the local sector. Ensuring sustainability in new space technologies is already a key focus of many companies in the sector. This is exemplified by Kea Aerospace, who develop solar-powered and zero emission aircraft for use in aerial imaging, and Dawn Aerospace, who build green propulsion technology for satellite operations. Locally there is also a belief that there should be a focus on collaboration on applications for international benefit, avoiding a focus on offensive capability. This would distinguish New Zealand from other space nations and help ensure we are seen as a potential partner for research and collaboration internationally.

Thank you again for the opportunity to feedback on the Space Policy Review document. We welcome the opportunity to provide further input into this work as it progresses.

If you have any questions on the above, please let us know.

Ngā mihi,



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