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Page 3: Submitter Information

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):  
Rocket Lab

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,  
Work in the New Zealand space sector

Q8

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

I grew up dreaming of working in the space industry but didn't really think it was possible in New Zealand, much less in the area I grew up in (Gisborne). I was so excited when I heard in 2015 that New Zealand was going to be capable of space launches! It made my dream of working in the aerospace Industry more realistic, being so close to home. I set my goal to find a job at Launch Complex 1 that day - no matter the job.

I was hired as an Engineering Assistant, then I move to Logistics and Inventory Lead at Launch Complex 1 through to early 2022, where Rocket Lab gave me the opportunity to take my skills to Launch Complex 2 in Virginia. I'll be working there for the first few Virginia-based launches. I never would have had the opportunity to work internationally, especially within the space industry, if it wasn't for Rocket Lab. I am excited to everything I'll learn here in the US and the skills and experience I'll be able to bring back to my home town.

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	<b>Strongly agree</b>
Responsibility	<b>Agree</b>
Stewardship	<b>Strongly agree</b>
Partnership	<b>Agree</b>

**Q10**

Respondent skipped this question

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.

Page 6: New Zealand's space policy objectives

**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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)

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	<b>Agree</b>
Partnering within New Zealand and internationally to increase research and development capabilities	<b>Strongly agree</b>
Identifying opportunities to increase diversity in the space sector	<b>Strongly agree</b>
Using cutting-edge space technology and space sourced data to support New Zealand's values and interests	<b>Agree</b>

**Q13**

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?)

**Q14**

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

More trades/internship opportunities

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**Q15**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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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 **Agree**

Partnering with like-minded launch states to adopt peaceful, responsible and sustainable space practices **Agree**

Collaborating internationally to increase New Zealand's influence and capabilities in the global space sector **Strongly agree**

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**Q17**

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?)

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**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?

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**Q19**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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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	<b>Agree</b>
Manage the broad range of security risks in space to protect New Zealand's space industry	<b>Strongly agree</b>
Collaborate with international space and security partners to pursue New Zealand's national security and economic interests	<b>Strongly agree</b>

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**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?)

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**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?

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**Q23**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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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	<b>Agree</b>
Assessing the cumulative impact of space activities on the Earth environment	<b>Strongly agree</b>
Assisting with solving sustainability challenges through space data, including to better monitor or understand the Earth's environment	<b>Strongly agree</b>
Investing in New Zealand's capability to retain, grow, access and use sustainable space technologies	<b>Strongly agree</b>

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**Q25**

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

I have called Mahia my home for four years, and the wider Hawkes Bay region my home for my whole life. The natural environment is very important to me and I'm excited by the potential of space to help us better monitor it, look after it and improve environmental outcomes.

**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 agree**

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

**Neither agree nor disagree**

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

**Strongly agree****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**

Respondent skipped this question

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

**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?

I agree with all criteria, but especially not permitting the launch of anything that contributes to nuclear weapons programmes or capabilities, or weapons in general. I know people, particularly in the LC-1 community, have concerns around how this is measured, so it would be good to know more about the govt approval process for payloads, including what kind of information is provided to the govt for decision making and which parts of the govt are consulted in addition to the final minister who signs off.

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**Q33**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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