



## PERMITTING DECISION SUMMARY

### Hēki

#### Research Trust of Victoria University of Wellington

1. Research Trust of Victoria University of Wellington is a New Zealand charitable trust that manages research funding held by Victoria University of Wellington.
2. Paihau – Robinson Research Institute at the Victoria University of Wellington specialises in engineering and applied physics and is leading the Hēki mission.
3. Hēki is a technology demonstrator for Robinson Research Institute’s novel high-temperature superconductor magnet technology.
4. Payloads are permitted in line with the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017](#) and the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities \(Licences and Permits\) Regulations 2017](#).
5. Each payload has been approved by the Minister for Space, on advice from officials across agencies. When approving payloads, the Minister needs to be satisfied that:
  - a. The applicant has taken and will continue to take all reasonable steps to safely manage the operation of the payload.
  - b. The proposed operation of the payload is consistent with New Zealand’s international obligations; and
  - c. The applicant has an orbital debris mitigation plan that meets prescribed requirements.
  - d. Despite being satisfied of these matters; the Minister may nevertheless decline a permit if he is not satisfied that the proposed operation of the payload is in New Zealand's national interest.

Date Granted	Authorisation Number	Payload Name	Owner or Operator	Country of Origin
22 July 2024	240445-PPT	Hēki	Research Trust of Victoria University of Wellington	New Zealand