

STRATEGIC DEFENCE POLICY

NATIONAL SECURITY

Protecting New Zealand from threats and advancing our national interests through harnessing all tools of statecraft

OUR DEFENCE INTERESTS

A secure, sovereign, and resilient New Zealand

A stable, secure, and resilient region

Collective security through a strong network of partners

A strong and effective international rules-based order

OUR DEFENCE POLICY OBJECTIVES

DEFENCE WILL ACT EARLY AND DELIBERATELY IN PURSUING AND PROTECTING OUR DEFENCE INTERESTS

1 **Protect** and promote the security of New Zealand and the immediate region.

Safeguarding our sovereignty and territorial integrity, and promoting and protecting the security of our immediate region and sustaining regional conditions favourable to our security interests.

2 **Enhance** the ANZUS alliance with Australia and New Zealand's most important security partnerships.

Material contributions to our security partnerships, particularly to our alliance with Australia, to the wider Five Eyes partnership, and our bilateral and regional Pacific partnerships.

3 **Contribute** to achieving New Zealand's global interests.

Contribute to global security through ongoing defence engagement, operations, and activities.

OUR DEFENCE STRATEGY

UNDERSTAND

Defence will develop and share enhanced awareness and understanding of key operational and strategic environments, including through close cooperation with domestic and international partners, and the innovative use of new technologies.

PARTNER

Defence will work closely with other New Zealand agencies and our international partners to support collective security approaches to shared challenges, including through maximising opportunities for enhanced interoperability, and integration.

ACT

Defence will act early and deliberately to promote and protect New Zealand's interests, and will maintain credible, combat-capable forces able to operate and respond to events across the spectrum of military operations, both independently, and alongside our international security partners.

BASED ON FOUNDATIONS OF

EQUIP AND SUPPORT THE FORCE

REGENERATED, FIT-FOR-PURPOSE WORKFORCE