

# DEFENCE PRINCIPLES



## ANGITU

SUCCESS, EFFORT, STRIVING

- Defence is combat capable and ready to deliver high quality outcomes for New Zealanders at home and abroad
- Defence continually assesses the strategic environment in which New Zealand acts
- Defence provides Government with meaningful options for decision-making

## KOTAHITANGA

UNITY, TOGETHERNESS,  
SOLIDARITY, COLLECTIVE ACTION

- Defence prioritises unity of purpose and a shared approach to national security issues
- Defence policy is based on the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and in particular partnership and mutual respect
- Defence embodies connectedness with New Zealand communities
- Defence pursues collective solutions to security challenges
- Defence reflects our whanaungatanga / kinship with the Pacific region

## MANA & PONO

INFLUENCE, PRESTIGE, AUTHORITY;  
TO BE TRUE, VALID, HONEST,  
SINCERE

- Defence supports New Zealand's reputation and credibility, including by making meaningful and valued contributions to global security
- Defence acts with integrity to build and maintain transparency and accountability
- Defence is influential and earns trust

## KAITIAKITANGA

GUARDIANSHIP, STEWARDSHIP,  
TRUST

- Defence stewards capabilities for future generations
- Defence supports and promotes intergenerational wellbeing and security
- Defence adopts and promotes environmentally sustainable practices

