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The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is working on a National Security Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand, to protect New Zealand and its people, today and into the future.

To help develop this strategy, we want to hear your thoughts and ideas on our long-term approach to national security.

*We acknowledge the 51 shuhada, their whānau and survivors and witnesses of the March 15 terror attack on Christchurch masjidain.*

The **Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry** (<https://christchurchattack.royalcommission.nz/>) into the terror attack on Christchurch masjidain made 44 recommendations that the Government has accepted in principle.

The Report emphasised the need for stronger leadership and direction in national security, including recommending a new national intelligence and security agency. It also highlighted the importance of accountable decision-making and increased public discussion on national security issues.

New Zealand faces growing threats from forces and interests that would do us harm. The range of challenges spans terrorism and violent extremism, strategic competition in the Pacific, foreign interference, cyber incidents, and more.

Our National Security Strategy will reflect who we are as a nation, and how we protect New Zealand in the face of these challenges. It will recognise our unique constitutional arrangements under te Tiriti o Waitangi, as well as te ao Māori and our place in the Pacific.

The Strategy will set out a plan for how we can work together with our communities, the private sector and international partners.

## Contribute to Aotearoa's National Security Strategy

We want to hear your views on the Strategy and our long-term approach to national security. Your feedback will build on what we have already heard from the public through other recent engagements on national security, including the National Security Long-term Insights Briefing.

You will be able to provide input to the National Security Strategy until 30 September 2022 through this online submission form and online hui. **Submissions close on the 9th of October 2022.**

**[Share your views and make an online submission here. \(https://consultation.dPMC.govt.nz/national-security-strategy/contribute/\)](https://consultation.dPMC.govt.nz/national-security-strategy/contribute/)**

You can provide your thoughts using the questions at the link above. Or send a written submission to:

[nationalsecuritystrategy@dPMC.govt.nz](mailto:nationalsecuritystrategy@dPMC.govt.nz) (<mailto:nationalsecuritystrategy@dPMC.govt.nz>)

or

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Wellington

## Background information

You can find further information and background on the Strategy in English, te reo Māori, Gagana Sāmoa, Arabic, Español, Simplified Chinese, and Korean below.

**[National Security Strategy Backgrounder \(English\) \(/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20English\\_1.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20English_1.pdf)**

(PDF 350.07 KB)

**[National Security Strategy Backgrounder \(Māori\) \(/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20Maori\\_1.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20Maori_1.pdf)**

(PDF 338.31 KB)

**[National Security Strategy Backgrounder \(Gagana Sāmoa\) \(/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20Samoan\\_1.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20Samoan_1.pdf)**

(PDF 344.99 KB)

**[National Security Strategy Backgrounder \(Arabic\) \(/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20Arabic\\_1.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20Arabic_1.pdf)**

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**[National Security Strategy Backgrounder \(Español\) \(/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20Spanish\\_1.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20Spanish_1.pdf)**

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**[National Security Strategy Backgrounder \(Simplified Chinese\) \(/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20Chinese\\_1.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/2022-07/National%20Security%20Strategy%20Backgrounder%20Chinese_1.pdf)**

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**[National Security Strategy Backgrounder \(Somali\) \(/sites/default/files/2022-09/Somali\\_Aotearoa%20New%20Zealand%20National%20Security%20Strategy.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/2022-09/Somali_Aotearoa%20New%20Zealand%20National%20Security%20Strategy.pdf)**

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**[National Security Strategy Backgrounder \(Urdu\) \(/sites/default/files/2022-09/Urdu\\_Aotearoa%20New%20Zealand%20National%20Security%20Strategy.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/2022-09/Urdu_Aotearoa%20New%20Zealand%20National%20Security%20Strategy.pdf)**

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## Find out more at one of our public webinars

DPMC is hosting two webinars on the National Security Strategy in September.

7 – 8 pm Thursday 8 September

12 noon – 1pm Monday 19 September

**Register here to attend a webinar** (<https://consultation.dPMC.govt.nz/national-security-strategy/webinar-registration>)

## What happens next?

Officials will analyse feedback and summarise contributions in a publicly available report. Individual feedback and your personal details will remain confidential. Your feedback will inform the development of the National Security Strategy, which is expected to be finalised by mid-2023.

## Contact us

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