

Strategic Assessment 2022

Have your say

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is undertaking a Strategic Assessment of Aotearoa New Zealand's international context to 2035.

The Assessment will consider:

- the most important changes we see happening in the world;
- what those changes mean for our relationships;
- what they mean for our region – the Pacific and the Indo-Pacific;
- what they mean for Aotearoa New Zealand - our people, prosperity, environment and safety;
- what they mean for our future foreign policy.

The Assessment assumes that Aotearoa New Zealand has a set of enduring interests:

A safer, more prosperous and more sustainable future for New Zealanders achieved via:

- a rules-based international system that supports New Zealand priorities
- a security environment that keeps New Zealand people and activities safe
- conditions and connections that enable New Zealanders to prosper
- global action on sustainability issues that matter to New Zealand

We invite submissions from members of the public and interested stakeholders to inform our Assessment. Submissions could usefully address any or all of the above issues. We suggest that submissions consider and respond to the following questions:

For you, your community, organisation or business:

- what matters most in terms of the world beyond Aotearoa New Zealand?
- what are your/Aotearoa New Zealand's key interests in the world?
- what places and international relationships matter most?
- what are Aotearoa New Zealand's greatest assets in our international engagement?
- What are Aotearoa New Zealand's vulnerabilities?

Over the next 10-15 years:

- what worries you most in terms of events or Aotearoa New Zealand's place in the world?
- what are your biggest hopes/opportunities for Aotearoa New Zealand or your own interests in the world?
- what do you consider Aotearoa New Zealand's foreign policy needs to do, or do differently:
 - to promote the kind of world we want to see?
 - to protect and advance our interests in that world?

Please Note:

- *MFAT will publish a list of the names of individuals and/or organisations who have made submissions;*
- *MFAT will publish a summary of the main themes that arise across all submissions. It is our intention that themes will not be attributable as linked to any particular submitting individual or agency.*
- *Submitting individuals or agencies should indicate any parts of their submission which they would wish to be specifically withheld from that summary, such as commercial in confidence material.*

In making a submission you agree to MFAT publishing your name and/or the name of your organisation and to publishing non-attributable themes or points made in the submission.

Submissions may also be the subject of requests under the Official Information Act 1982, which could result in their release. If you wish to provide a submission in confidence, or you think that any part of your submission should be withheld, you should indicate this clearly. We apply the provisions of the Official Information Act to determine whether we can withhold such information on the grounds of privacy, or for other reasons, and will take your views into account when assessing whether to withhold or release such information under the Act.