Working together to ensure the responsible use of outer space

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New Zealand becomes a launching state

Rocket Lab launch



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Rocket Lab has established itself as a successful launch services provider



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Opportunities for developing and established space nations



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Rocket Lab's activities were the catalyst for New Zealand's Space Law



Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017

Public Act	2017 No 29
Date of assent	10 July 2017
Commencement	see section 2

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The US and New Zealand are joint regulators of Rocket Lab's activities





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Launch Safety

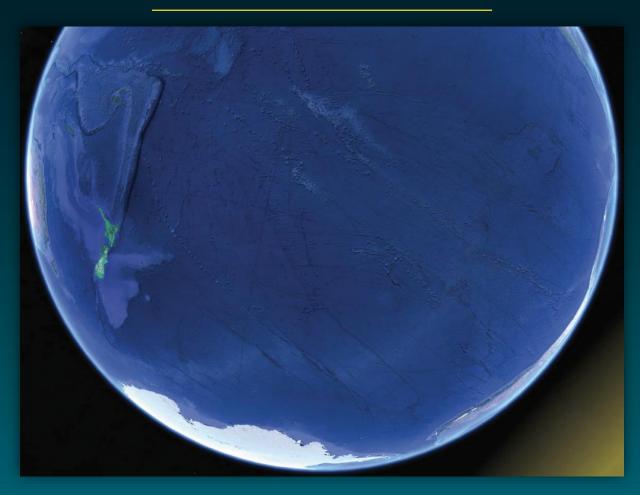


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Management of Space Debris



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Registration

- Obligations on all Launching States to Register [Outer Space Treaty and Registration Convention]
- When there are more launching States should jointly determine who registers jurisdiction and control?
- UNOOSA Guidance on Space Object Registration p.5: In general, States providing launch services do not register satellites launched on behalf of foreign clients."



The Future of Registration



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Enhanced Cooperation Necessary

- Increased diversity of space activities
 Involvement of non-governmental entities, and
 multiple States, to include <u>multinational</u> private
 companies
- Guideline 6 of the Long Term Sustainability Guidelines (LTS) recognizes the increased complexity of registration and the need for States to work together prior to launch
 - U.S. Space Policy Directive 3 on Space Traffic Management is an important piece of work that will help drive these difficult issues forward



Moving Forward

- Increase transparency and promote responsible behavior
- Engage with industry to provide certainty and predictability
- Both New Zealand and the United States continue to engage in bilateral discussions with other States and industry stakeholders

