

Alliance Foreign Affairs, Defence, and International Relations Policy

A Sovereign, Independent, and Peaceful Aotearoa New Zealand

The Alliance believes that Aotearoa New Zealand should be an independent, non-aligned, and peaceful nation, committed to international cooperation, human rights, self-determination, nuclear disarmament, and economic sovereignty.

Our foreign policy should be based on our own national interests and values rather than the strategic interests of larger military powers or multinational corporations.

We reject the idea that security is achieved through military alliances, overseas intervention, and the constant expansion of offensive military capability.

Instead, New Zealand should use its independence to become a strong voice for peace, disarmament, human rights, environmental protection, and social justice, particularly in the Pacific and wider Asia-Pacific region.

1. An Independent and Non-Aligned Country

The Alliance will establish Aotearoa New Zealand as a genuinely non-aligned nation.

We will not participate in military alliances or foreign military arrangements that compromise our independent foreign policy, or oblige us to participate in wars fought in the interests of other powers.

The Alliance will:

- withdraw from military alliances inconsistent with an independent foreign policy;
- reject participation in foreign wars and military interventions;
- ensure that decisions about the deployment of our military personnel are made independently;
- strengthen the countries' role in the United Nations and other international organisations;
- promote negotiation, mediation, and peaceful resolution of international disputes.

Our independence should mean more than the ability to make our own economic decisions. We must also have the freedom to decide for ourselves when and how our country participates in international affairs.

2. Defence For Peace, Not War

The Alliance will fundamentally restructure Aotearoa New Zealand's defence forces around peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and the protection of our territory and people.

We do not require an offensive military capability designed to fight major overseas wars.

The Alliance will therefore remove offensive war-fighting capabilities that are inconsistent with an independent, peace-oriented defence policy, including major offensive weapons systems designed primarily for overseas warfare.

New Zealand's defence capability will instead concentrate on:

- peacekeeping;
- humanitarian assistance;
- disaster response;
- search and rescue;
- maritime surveillance;
- protection of New Zealand's territorial waters;
- support for Pacific neighbours during emergencies;
- international mediation and conflict prevention.

Where existing civilian agencies can perform functions more appropriately, functions such as fisheries protection and disaster response will be civilianised and properly resourced.

The purpose of defence should be to protect people and support peace, not to prepare to participate in other countries' wars.

3. End Foreign Military and Intelligence Facilities

National sovereignty requires control over the facilities and infrastructure operating within our territory.

The Alliance will review and, where necessary, close foreign military and intelligence facilities that compromise Aotearoa New Zealand's independence.

This includes facilities associated with foreign military and intelligence operations at **Tangimoana, Waihopai, Black Birch, and the recently established FBI office.**

The Harewood facility will be demilitarised and restricted to appropriate scientific and Antarctic research purposes.

Our territory should not be used to facilitate foreign military operations or intelligence activities inconsistent with our independent foreign policy.

We will withdraw Aotearoa New Zealand from the Five Eyes (FVEY) intelligence alliance.

4. A Nuclear-Free Region

Our country has a proud history of opposing nuclear weapons and nuclear testing. The Alliance will extend that commitment internationally.

We will work to:

- strengthen the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone;
- promote a Pacific completely free of nuclear weapons;
- oppose nuclear weapons testing;
- oppose nuclear weapons tracking and associated military infrastructure in the Pacific;
- oppose nuclear dumping and nuclear exploration at sea;
- promote international nuclear disarmament;
- support global efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons.

We will use our independent status to lead rather than follow on nuclear disarmament.

Our nuclear-free policy should be a contribution to a wider international movement for a world free from nuclear weapons.

5. Peace, Self-Determination, and Opposition to Military Intervention

The Alliance opposes military intervention by powerful nations in the affairs of other countries.

The right of peoples to determine their own political future must be respected.

Aotearoa New Zealand will support peaceful self-determination and independence movements where they are consistent with democratic rights and international law.

The Alliance will support a principled approach to international conflicts, including opposition to occupation, colonialism, and military intervention.

Our foreign policy will consistently defend:

- national self-determination;
- human rights;
- democracy;
- freedom from foreign occupation;
- peaceful resolution of disputes.

Our position will not depend on whether the country involved is a friend or adversary of a major power. The same principles must apply to everyone.

6. A Just and Independent Foreign Policy

Aotearoa New Zealand should not remain silent when serious human rights abuses occur simply because powerful countries support those responsible.

The Alliance will develop a foreign policy based on consistent principles of human rights and international law.

This includes:

- refusing political support for oppressive regimes;
- supporting democratic and human rights movements;
- opposing apartheid, occupation, and political repression;
- supporting peaceful political settlements;
- using diplomatic and economic measures where appropriate to pressure governments responsible for serious abuses.

In the Middle East, we will support a just and lasting peace including the right of Palestinians to self-determination, with a right of return for the Palestinian diaspora.

7. Development Assistance, Internationalism, and Solidarity

As a wealthy country, Aotearoa New Zealand has a responsibility to contribute to the development and wellbeing of poorer nations.

The Alliance will substantially increase our overseas development assistance, progressively increasing aid towards the internationally recognised target of **at least 0.7 percent of GNI**.

Development assistance will prioritise:

- Pacific Island nations;
- countries rebuilding following war and conflict;
- poverty reduction;
- health;
- education;
- sustainable economic development;
- community-led development.

A significant proportion of development assistance will be delivered through reputable non-government organisations and community-based organisations with strong connections to the people they are assisting.

We are an internationalist party and see the interests of ordinary kiwis as directly linked with the interests of people across the world. We will build relationships based on solidarity, justice, and cooperation, and we reject the zero-sum assumptions of competition and imperial capital.

Aid should empower communities rather than create dependency or simply advance the commercial interests of donor countries.

8. Historical Responsibility

Aotearoa New Zealand's international responsibilities include recognising the consequences of our own history.

The Alliance recognises a particular responsibility arising from our involvement in the wars of Indochina.

We will therefore support enhanced development assistance to Vietnam and Cambodia, recognising a moral responsibility to contribute to rebuilding and development following the destruction caused by those conflicts.

Our country should be prepared to acknowledge where its own actions have contributed to international harm and respond through practical assistance and solidarity.

9. Cancellation of Developing-Country Debt

The Alliance supports the cancellation of unsustainable Global South debt.

Developing nations should not be trapped in cycles of debt repayment that prevent them from providing basic services, investing in their people, or developing sustainable economies.

We will advocate internationally for debt cancellation and for a fairer international financial system.

Development should be based on cooperation and solidarity rather than financial dependency.

10. A Pacific Nation

New Zealand is a Pacific country and should conduct its foreign policy accordingly.

The Alliance recognises that Aotearoa New Zealand is part of Polynesia and has deep historical, cultural, economic, and family relationships throughout the Pacific.

Our Pacific relationships should be based on:

- mutual respect;
- partnership;
- self-determination;
- economic cooperation;
- development assistance;
- climate and environmental cooperation;
- cultural connections;
- freedom of movement and family relationships.

The Alliance will review and reduce unnecessary barriers to migration from neighbouring Pacific Island countries.

Our relationship with the Pacific should be based on partnership rather than paternalism.

11. A New Role for New Zealand in the World

The Alliance believes New Zealand's greatest international contribution will not come from the size of our military.

It will come from the strength of our **independence, diplomacy, humanitarianism, and commitment to peace.**

We will use our position to:

- mediate international disputes;
- support peace negotiations;
- contribute to United Nations peacekeeping;
- provide humanitarian assistance;
- promote nuclear disarmament;
- defend human rights;
- support self-determination;
- protect the Pacific;
- defend the global environment;
- advocate for a fairer international economic system.

Our International Vision

The Alliance will build a New Zealand that is:

- Independent rather than aligned.
- Peaceful rather than interventionist.
- Nuclear-free rather than nuclear-dependent.
- Cooperative rather than imperial.
- Economically sovereign rather than subordinate to multinational corporations.
- Based on internationalism rather than globalisation.
- A Pacific nation rather than an outpost of distant military powers.

Our security will ultimately come not from preparing to fight other people's wars, but from peace, independence, strong international relationships, economic resilience, environmental protection, and the wellbeing of our own people and our Pacific neighbours.

Aotearoa should be a small country with a big voice for peace, prosperity, and justice.