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- Whether New Zealand potentially engages with non-nuclear aspects of AUKUS would be a future decision for Ministers, taking account of any invitation on the part of the AUKUS partners and an assessment of our national interests.
- New Zealand is a Pacific nation. Reflecting our region’s legacy of nuclear testing, we remain committed to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

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- Pacific countries face a complex and growing array of challenges, including the impacts of climate change and an increasingly contested strategic environment.
- As a region, we have agreed that security responses within the Pacific should come first and foremost from within our Pacific family. As a member of the Pacific Islands Forum, Australia is part of the Pacific family.
- Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia will continue to work closely together to lift our engagement in the region and scale up our response to all these challenges, including through deepening our partnerships with Pacific Island countries.
- Our responses are developed through ongoing engagement with our Pacific partners and respond to their priorities.

s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i)

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