

To respond to the deteriorating strategic environment the NZDF needs to be increasingly combat capable, interoperable with our partners, able to act as a force multiplier with Australia, and make the most of innovations which allow us to be more effective. To do this over the next 15 years we will invest in:



A focused and combat capable Navy with a mixture of combat, patrol, and multirole ships.



An Army that can operate independently, integrate with Australia, has improved strike capabilities, and is fully networked.



An Air Force that operates globally, with select combat capability, and which provides situational awareness and intelligence.



Strengthened cyber and information capabilities to protect the NZDF's networks and systems, and provide defensive cyber, electronic and information warfare effects.



A workforce with the physical and digital infrastructure that is fit-for-purpose for a modern defence force.

MAJOR INVESTMENTS 2025-2028

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Enhanced strike capabilities



Frigate sustainment programme



Persistent surveillance (uncrewed autonomous vessels)



Replacing the maritime helicopters



Javelin anti-tank missile upgrade



Network Enabled Army



Special Operations sustainment



Vehicles for the NZDF



Counter Uncrewed Aerial Systems



Long-range remotely piloted aircraft



Replacing the Boeing 757 fleet



Space capabilities



Enhancing cyber security capabilities



Enterprise resource planning



Improved intelligence functions



Updating classified digital services



Accommodation, messing, and dining modernisation



Defence estate regeneration



Defence housing programme



Future Devonport naval base design



Ohakea infrastructure programme



Defence Science & Technology uplift



Technology Accelerator



Information management



Digital modernisation



Logistics resilience



Consolidated Logistics Project infrastructure



Implementing a workforce strategy

The Defence Capability Plan outlines indicative spending of \$12 billion on major capability and critical supports over the next four years. These indicative investments focus on what is required in the short term to rebuild the NZDF and prepare for future.

INDICATIVE SPEND BY AREA



