# NZSIS Community Newsletter



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Te Pā Whakamarumaru New Zealand Security Intelligence Service



Kia ora and welcome to the first edition of the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) Community Newsletter

The idea for this community newsletter came directly from people we engage with. I have consistently heard from a range of stakeholders, including from New Zealand's diverse communities, that you would like to receive more information from us. Our engagement team speaks with people from all over the country but they cannot reach everyone.

As a security intelligence agency, our mission at the NZSIS is to keep New Zealand and New Zealanders safe and secure.

Our job is to detect, investigate, deter and disrupt threats to our national security. Our work focuses on countering foreign interference, espionage, violent extremism and terrorism. At the same time, we develop security advice for government agencies and other organisations on how to protect their people, information and assets.

While most of our work needs to be undertaken in secret, that does not mean everything we do is secret. I welcome you to browse our **website** and **strategy** to better understand what we do on your behalf.

The aim of this newsletter is to raise awareness of national security and encourage conversations about it. A key goal at the NZSIS is to partner with a range of communities and organisations to find ways we can work together to keep our country safe. We provide advice on the latest security trends and ways New Zealanders can protect themselves. You can help us by letting us know when you see concerning behaviour or activities. Our national security is a shared responsibility.

Our aim is to publish an edition of this newsletter a few times a year. Your feedback and input are vital to the success of this new initiative. If you have any comments or if there is information you would like us to include, please let us know. Ways to contact us are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your networks and encourage others to sign up. I hope you find this first edition of the NZSIS Community Newsletter to be useful.

Ngā mihi nui,

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# In the News

### Updates from the NZSIS

#### New Zealand's Security Threat Environment 2024

Our annual Security Threat Environment aims to inform New Zealanders about the national security threats we face. The report includes advice to help organisations and communities to better manage risk.

#### Read more here

#### Annual review of New Zealand's National Terrorism Threat Level

A terrorist attack remains a realistic possibility following a review of New Zealand's National Terrorism Threat Level.

The Threat Level is set at LOW which indicates an attack is a realistic possibility amid what is a deteriorating global security environment.

Read more here

### Other news

#### **Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill**

In November 2024, the Government introduced the Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill to strengthen New Zealand's criminal justice response to foreign interference and espionage.

#### Read more here

The Ministry for Ethnic Communities has produced factsheets on the Bill in multiple languages.

Andrew Hampton Director-General of Security

# Engagements

### Intelligence and Security Committee

Director-General Andrew Hampton recently appeared before Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee for its annual review of the intelligence agencies.

Andrew spoke about trends in the violent extremist threat environment and his concern about foreign interference actors targeting diaspora communities in New Zealand. He also talked about the importance the NZSIS places on community engagement in order to respond to threats. You can read his opening statement <u>here.</u>

#### The NZSIS annual report 2024 is available here



### Come work with us

The NZSIS is currently recruiting for Intelligence Analysts.

We're looking for people with a wide range of experience, skills and qualities to join our team. Entry level or intermediate positions are available.

As an Intelligence Analyst, you will identify, investigate, analyse and assess national security threats facing New Zealand and New Zealanders at home and abroad. You'll produce tactical, operational and strategic analysis to support a range of dynamic operations and activities.

Applications close 11 March 2025. Find out more here

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## Publications

# Young people and violent extremism

Young people and violent extremism: a call for collective action is a report prepared by NZSIS and some of our international partners. It covers five key issues we encounter when investigating young people and calls for a collective effort to help us identify and counter the radicalisation of minors.

#### Read more here

### Know the Signs

The NZSIS has a range of publications to help with detecting and disrupting national security threats, including *Know the Signs*. This publication details behaviours and activities by individuals which could be concerning, and advice on how to report them.

#### Read the guide here

### Help protect New Zealand

You can help NZSIS by telling us if you notice concerning behaviour or activities.

Even the smallest piece of information can be vital in helping us detect and prevent foreign interference or terrorist attacks.

#### Report your concerns in confidence here

### Contact us

Subscribe to our newsletter by visiting: <u>www.nzsis.govt.nz/community</u>

For more information on how to contact us, please visit: <u>www.nzsis.govt.nz/contact-us</u>

To get in touch with our engagement team, please email: <u>community.engagement@nzsis.govt.nz</u>

If you are concerned about an immediate threat, please contact police on **111**.