

The Centre for Strategic Studies - Te Pokapū Take Rautaki Aotearoa
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‘New Zealand, Australia and the Lethal Autonomous Weapons Debate’

PRESENTED BY

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Room 101, 16 Kelburn Parade, Wellington 6012

This presentation examines the complexities of New Zealand’s position in the debate on lethal autonomous weapons (or ‘killer robots’), particularly as it relates to Australia’s pursuit of these technologies. It will discuss Minister of Disarmament Phil Twyford’s push for a strong voice for New Zealand in the debate, before considering two obstacles that may be standing in the way of such a leadership role: management of New Zealand’s alliance with Australia, and second, the desire to not impede technological research in this country. Finally, it will consider what, if any, avenues could be explored in order to overcome these obstacles.

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