Te Pā Whakamarumaru
New Zealand Security Intelligence Service

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with your team on Thursday 25 September.

Below is some information which you are free to share and discuss with your networks.

If you have any questions or would like further engagement on the topics below, please reach out to engagement@nzsis.govt.nz or Antonia at ab16@nzsis.govt.nz.

The NZSIS released its annual security threat environment report around a month ago. This is our main way of communicating to New Zealanders the nature of the threats we face in relation to violent extremism, foreign interference, espionage and insider threat.

Our aim is to have this report read in organisations around the country in order to provoke clear-eyed discussions about what these threats might mean to your sectors and what are some of the ways entities can manage risk. Our report helps answer both of those questions.

There are several aspects to the report which we would like to draw your attention.

Espionage

- **It is almost certain there is undetected espionage activity that is harming New Zealand's national interests. The NZSIS has had some success disrupting this activity but foreign states continue to target New Zealand's critical organisations, infrastructure and technology to steal sensitive information. See pages 26-29.**

We think that espionage is an emerging vulnerability for New Zealand businesses and many fail to appreciate it could happen to them. Our espionage chapter describes the ways in which firms may be targeted and why they might capture a foreign state's attention.

There is no analysis on the cost of espionage to the New Zealand economy but our Australian partners commissioned a study, which found it cost them A$12.5b in a single year. The report's foreword and executive summary are worth a read.

Foreign Interference

- **Several states are conducting foreign interference in New Zealand. Private sector organisations may be manipulated by sophisticated foreign interference actors in support of their objectives. See pages 21-24.**

A key message is that opportunities and potential relationships may not always be what they seem. This section is about raising awareness of potential risks rather than discouraging engagement.

Insider Threat

- **Some foreign states have attempted to exploit people inside public and private sector organisations in a deceptive, corruptive, or coercive manner, to gain influence and further their interests. (See pages 30-31)**

Many of the behaviours and activities we describe in our insider threat section come from what we've seen in the public sector but could feasibly apply in the private sector too. Developing and maintaining a strong security culture is crucial for any organisation to effectively manage its protective security.

Considerations for event organisers and hosts of crowded places

- **The most plausible domestic violent extremist attack scenario remains a lone actor who has radicalised online and prepares for violence without any intelligence forewarning. Any attacker is most likely to use easily accessible weapons.**

We are clear that currently another terrorist attack remains a realistic possibility so event organisers and hosts of crowded places should factor that assessment into their security planning.

We strongly encourage reporting of any concerning behaviours or activities through our reporting page or to Police at 105. If it's an emergency the number is 111. We are working with Police to promote the Escape, Hide Tell messaging if an attack is happening.

Resourced to manage risk and grow business resilience

- Secure Innovation: Provides guidance to support corporate thinking about how to protect your most critical assets.
- Trusted Business: Outline risks and security advice to support your business.
- Due Diligence: Provides information on assessing and managing new relationships and partnerships.
- Managing Inward Visits: Provides guidance on how to assess the merits of hosting a foreign delegation, and how to manage associated risks.
- Travelling Overseas for Business: Advice to secure yourself and your devices when outside of New Zealand**.**
- It Happens Here: Guidance for managing insider threats in an organisation.