## **Rt Hon Winston Peters**

## **Deputy Prime Minister**

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**Dear Murray Horton** 

Your email to the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, has been referred to me as the issue you raise falls within my portfolio responsibilities.

New Zealand's relationship with the United States exists within the context of our independent foreign policy, and reflects New Zealand values and interests. The intended fly-over by a B-52 aircraft at the Wings Over Wairarapa air show is consistent with that relationship and follows the previous attendance of United States Air Force aircraft at New Zealand air shows.

In line with the nuclear-free legislation, New Zealand makes its own determinations regarding military aircraft or vessel visits and does not require any state to make a declaration on nuclear armament.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon Winston Peters Minister of Foreign Affairs