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New Zealand and the Lethal Autonomous Weapons Debate



This presentation seeks to explain the complexities of New Zealand's position in the debate on lethal autonomous weapons (or 'killer robots'). It will overview the details of Phil Twyford's push for a strong voice for New Zealand in the debate, before considering the two main roadblocks that may be inhibiting such a leadership role: management of the military alliance with Australia and the desire to not prevent technological research and development in the country. Finally, it will consider what, if any, avenues could be explored in order to overcome these obstacles.

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Guest speaker presentation 5:30-6:30pm

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