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# New Zealand Global Base Station Communications



## Overview

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Ian Fletcher was appointed as director of the GCSB in February 2012. Fletcher is a former diplomat who was interviewed by the appointment panel after an earlier short-list of four candidates had been rejected by the Prime Minister on the recommendation of the State Services Commissioner. In March 2013, John Key admitted he had known Fletcher since they were in school, but denied they were friends.

As part of a collaboration with the University of Auckland, researchers from the DLR Institute of Communications and Navigation, the Responsive Space Cluster Competence Center and the German Space Operation Center have set up and commissioned a ground station for laser-based satellite communications in New Zealand.

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