



New Zealand
FILM COMMISSION



Te Tumu Whakaata Taonga

15 September 2026

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4 SEPTEMBER 2026: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email dated 4 September 2026 you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *From 1978 to 1982, the NZ Film Commission was involved with John O'Shea's Pacific Films in a production of the film Pictures. What was the cost of the production and the contribution of each of the participants, i.e Pacific Films, the Film Commission, the National Film Unit, and any others.*

New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) records show that the NZFC provided \$120,000 in financing for the production of *Pictures*. This comprised a \$10,000 loan to Pacific Film Productions Limited, a \$40,000 investment, and a \$70,000 loan to 11 individual investors to help finance the production.

Our records do not specify the film's total production cost or the contributions made by Pacific Film Productions Limited, the National Film Unit, or other participants.

Information relevant to your research, particularly older records and archival material, may also be held by Archives New Zealand. As a Crown entity, the NZFC transfers records to Archives New Zealand in accordance with the Public Records Act 2005. You may wish to contact Archives New Zealand directly or search their collections to determine whether they hold additional material relevant to your request.

We will be publishing this letter (with your personal information removed) on the NZFC website.

Please be aware that you have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review of our response.

Yours sincerely

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