

19 December 2023

### 23 November 2023: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email dated 23 November 2023 you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Answers to your specific questions are laid out below.

1. *Any changes to policy on the use of te reo Māori in either internal or external communications since October 13 2023.*

Updates to the New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) Rautaki Māori Strategy were approved for industry consultation in October 2023. The Strategy includes recognition of te reo Māori as a taonga to be nurtured and celebrated.

2. *Any internal communications (including emails, texts, messages and memos) relating to the use of te reo Māori since October 13 2023.*


Please find this attached at **Appendix 1**. Certain information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons.

3. *Any advice received or prepared on the use of te reo Māori since October 13 2023.*

The updated Rautaki Māori Strategy went to the NZFC Board on 18 October 2023 with recommendations to complete consultation on the Strategy with stakeholders, finalise budget projections of key initiatives in the strategy, complete design of the strategy and prepare it for release in the first quarter of 2024. This was approved by the NZFC Board.

On 18 October 2023 the NZFC Board completed Te Tiriti training. On 8 November 2023, NZFC staff completed a ten-week beginner te reo Māori course.

We will be publishing this letter (with your personal information removed) and **Appendix 1** 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

*Tayla Hancock*

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**From:** [Karen Te O Kahurangi Waaka](#)  
**To:** [AllStaff](#)  
**Subject:** New NZFC Karakia  
**Date:** Friday, 13 October 2023 3:54:58 p.m.  
**Attachments:** [Karakia.pdf](#)  
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Tēnā koutou katoa

Ka rere ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa i tēnei wā, i mua i ngā rā whakatā o te wikena.  
Sending greetings to you all before the weekend break.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October we will have Aperahama Hurihanganui attend a special session sharing the new NZFC karakia and teaching everyone the intention behind karakia and going through the new one he has created from our All staff session a couple of months back now. We had hoped to teach this for te wiki o te reo Māori, but now feels a better time. I am sharing this so that those who like to understand information and feel a level of comfort prior to scheduled learning can do so with the document and example.

While Aperahama will be **in person in Te Whanganui-a-Tara** on Monday, I will continue to assist with practice sessions going forward online and in Tamaki as well.

Kia hāneanea tō koutou noho,  
Nāki it noa nei, nā  
Te O Kahurangi

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*Tukua te reo ki te rangi kia haruru ki te Ao katoa*

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**From:** [Engaging Well](#)  
**To:** [Karen Te O Kahurangi Waaka](#); [Nkhaya Paulsen-More](#)  
**Subject:** 2024 Reo Classes  
**Date:** Wednesday, 22 November 2023 5:32:09 p.m.

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Kia ora kōrua,

Just wondering whether NZFC is interested in continuing with reo classes next year? We are in the process of planning our year and are approaching existing clients first. We will be able to start as early as the week beginning **15th January**. Happy to offer the next levels/classes to the ones offered this year, and any new level 1 classes if there are other staff wanting to jump on board.

Happy to discuss!



**Aperahama Hurihanganui**  
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