

8 May 2024



Te Tumu Whakaata Taonga

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10 MARCH 2024: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email dated 10 March 2024, you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):


I have noted the documentary provisionally titled Jacindamania has been granted \$800,000 by the Film Commission. Under the provisions of the OIA, I am requesting:

- 1. The assessors' reports for each and every stage of the application for funds (whether that is for a synopsis, treatment, or draft/completed screenplay).*
- 2. Information on what share the Film Commission will receive of any profits or revenue the documentary might generate; and if the Commission's share is on the same terms as for other investors.*
- 3. The nature of the \$800,000 grant — particularly whether it is structured as a loan that can be recalled.*

In response to **Part 1** of your request, in February 2024, the New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) approved Feature Film Production Investment (FFPI) of \$800,000 to *The Untitled PBK and JP Project* (formerly referred to as *Jacindamania*).

The assessors' reports relating to the application for FFPI funding for this production are withheld in their entirety on the following grounds:

- Section 9(2)(b)(ii): to protect information where the making available of that information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- Section 9(2)(ba): to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence where making the information available would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.
- Section 9(2)(g): to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.



In response to **Part 2** of your request, NZFC FFPI is an equity which is expected to recoup on a pro rata pari passu basis. In other words, the NZFC expects to recoup, alongside other equity investors in the same tier, proportionally and treated equally. Once all investors have recouped their entitlement, any further income becomes net profit to which the NZFC is entitled on the same basis, pro rata pari passu.

In response to **Part 3** of your request, the \$800,000 financial offer for FFPI is an equity investment, not a grant or a loan.

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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