

16 April 2021

Via email: fyi-request-14953-61ae3754@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr. Watkins,

Official Information Act request

1. I am in receipt of your email to TVNZ General Counsel Brent McAnulty dated 19 March 2021 (**Request**) requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (**the Act**). In your Request, you have sought *“all official information relating to the reenactment (or stock) footage in the story. For example, where was it sourced from, why was it created and the reasons it was included in the news item before the jury considered its verdict”*.
2. Documents relevant to the Request have been identified but are withheld on the grounds that, as it is information created by a journalist in their news-gathering activities, it is subject to an obligation of confidence, and making it available would be likely to damage the public interest (s9(2)(ba)(ii) of the Act).
3. Although I am unable to supply the documents you have sought, I can provide the following information:
 - a. the footage was created by the TVNZ news and current affairs department after the trial commenced on Thursday 18 February 2021;
 - b. the footage was created specifically to provide visual context for TVNZ’s news coverage of the trial;
 - c. the events depicted in the reenactment were based on events described in court documents and testimony.
4. I trust this information will provide you with some clarity in respect of your query.
5. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman under section 28 of the Act.

Yours sincerely,



Genevieve O'Halloran
Senior Counsel