

23 July 2021

Matthew Hooton

Dear Matthew,

14 JULY 2021: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email received 14 July 2021, you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

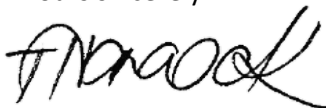
“Under the Official Information Act, please advise on what date the Commission first became aware of the proposed film project which has developed into “They Are Us”. I seek only the date.”

The New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) has received two requests for information under the OIA that ask for all documents and correspondence in relation to the film project *They Are Us*. These responses have been published on the NZFC website and include the chronology of NZFC engagement with the filmmakers, including the date the NZFC first became aware of the film. You may access these responses by visiting: <https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/requests-official-information>.

Whilst there has been engagement with the producing team on the project, *They Are Us* has been developed entirely independently of NZFC development funding structures. The NZFC has not received any applications for development funding, production funding or the New Zealand Government’s screen incentives scheme, the New Zealand Screen Production Grant in relation to *They Are Us*.

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

Yours sincerely



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New Zealand Film Commission