



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 the dates on which you advised your minister, other ministers and/or other government agencies about the existence of the proposed film project which has developed into the “They Are Us” project. I request just the relevant dates.”*

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 Government. You may access these responses by visiting: <https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/requests-official-information>.

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**