

18 August 2021

Dear Scott

**21 JULY 2021: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

In your email dated 21 July 2021 you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*I'd like to make a request for copies of the following documents, dated from 11 June to 21 July:*

- 1. All emails between NZFC and anyone involved with the production of the film *They Are Us*, and/or their representatives*
- 2. All other emails between NZFC and external parties relating to the film *They Are Us**
- 3. All internal NZFC emails relating to the film *They Are Us**


The New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) has received separate requests for information under the OIA that ask for all documents and correspondence in relation to the film project *They Are Us*. Responses to these requests have been published on the NZFC website, therefore some of the information you have requested is publicly available.

You will find these responses by visiting: <https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/requests-official-information>

There is one additional document that falls within scope due to the extended period of time your request covers. This is attached at **Appendix 1**.

The NZFC has received a number of requests for information under the OIA in relation to the film project *They Are Us*. Correspondence in relation to these requests fall within the timeframe of your request, however, as they do not relate specifically to the film and rather our internal processes on responding to the requests, we have not included them in this response.

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**



**From:** [Chris Payne](#)  
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**Subject:** Filenote: Call with Stewart Till  
**Date:** Wednesday, 21 July 2021 2:35:02 p.m.  
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14:01-14:03 Staff queried the filmmakers' approach re: journalists asking to engage with the filmmakers. Stewart advised that he would be back in touch with staff in 24 hours to outline their approach.

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