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Tēnā koe Mr Ecclestone

**Official Information Act (1982) request 2122-0456**

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request of 8 December 2021.

You have asked for:

1. All the correspondence received by the Department or Library relating to the proposals regarding the Internet Archive from individuals or organisations outside government.
2. A copy of the legal opinion cited in the *Stuff* article from Andrew Brown QC and barrister Jack Oliver-Hood.

In response to part one of your request, the correspondence has been provided to you as a PDF file entitled *Documents for OIA release – Ecclestone*. Some material in the file has been withheld under the following sections of the Act, unless the person has asked that the section not be applied:

- s9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In response to part two of your request, a copy of the legal opinion has not been provided to either the Department of Internal Affairs or the National Library of New Zealand, therefore I am declining your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any feedback or questions about the Department's response, please let us know at [OIA@DIA.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@DIA.govt.nz).

You may be aware that the National Library is reconsidering its plans for the Overseas Published Collections (OPC) in light of concerns raised by the various interested parties, including issues associated with copyright. The National Library will not export any of the OPC until it has considered its options for the next steps.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Esson', written in a cursive style.

**Rachel Esson**

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