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By email: [fyi-request-20676-fd70a627@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-20676-fd70a627@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe J. Beddek,

## Official Information Act request

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) about the classification of *RimWorld*, which we received on 27 September 2022.

You said:

The information I am requesting is the following:

- Examination transcript;
- Consideration Sheet;
- Summary of Reasons;
- Supplementary materials (video footage, content declaration questionnaires, debug information);
- Screenshots showing information from the database as seen by OFLC;
- Emails and their attachments to and/or from FVLB, OFLC, distributors, publishers, and developers;
- Forms and their attachments to and/or from FVLB, OFLC, distributors, publishers, and developers.

Additionally, I would like request all correspondence and materials otherwise mentioned above, which originated within, were sent to, or sent from the OFLC in relation to the decision of the Australian Classification Board (ACB) refusing classification of *RimWorld* [2], and later classifying the video game as R 18+ [3][4].

Please provide this information in an accessible, searchable format.

In responding to your request, we have weighed up the factors in the OIA, including the purposes in [section 4](#) and the principle of availability in [section 5](#).

## Response to your request

### *Information we have decided to release*

Attached to this letter is a file containing all of the information that you have requested that we have decided to release. This includes:

- the submission form from the publisher of *RimWorld*;

- the examination transcript, consideration sheet, and summary of reasons for *RimWorld*;
- relevant screenshots of the Classification Database Application; and
- emails held by the Classification Office, including correspondence relating to the decision of the Australian Classification Board to refuse to classify *RimWorld*.

Parts of some of these documents have been withheld under section 9 of the OIA.

#### *Information we have decided not to release*

The publisher of *RimWorld* supplied the Classification Office with three documents in confidence to assist with the examination and classification of this game.

We have reviewed this supplementary material and consider that its release would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

Accordingly, your request for supplementary material is declined under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.

#### *Information we do not hold*

The Classification Office does not hold:

- any correspondence or materials relating to the decision of the Australian Classification Review Board to classify *RimWorld* R18+;
- any email attachments relating to *RimWorld*.

Accordingly, these parts of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the OIA.

### **Publication of response**

This response may be published on the Classification Office's [website](#). If it is published there, your personal information will be redacted.

### **Right of review**

You have the right to make a complaint and seek a review by the Ombudsman of this response, and decision to transfer part of your request, under [section 28\(3\) of the OIA](#). Information about this process is available at [ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Thank you for your interest in our mahi.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Te Mana Whakaatu—Classification Office