

18 September 2023

Jamie

By email: fyi-request-23911-5f13bcb1@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Jamie,

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) about the classification of *Final Fantasy XVI*, which we received on 21 August 2023.

You said:

- Requesting following for Final Fantasy XVI PS5
- Examination transcript;
 - Consideration Sheet;
 - Summary of Reasons any Discussions in meetings, emails notes. especially regarding the Suicide in the game.
 - Supplementary materials (could be video footage, content declaration questionnaire, cheat codes);
 - Screenshots showing information from the database as seen by OFLC;
 - Emails and its attachment to and/or from FVLB, OFLC, distributor, publisher, developer;
 - Forms and its attachment to and/or from FVLB, OFLC, distributor, publisher, developer, Any other correspondence relating to this game.

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

Please find attached to this letter a file containing the information you have requested.

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

- the submission form and request for urgent classification from the publisher of *Final Fantasy XVI*;
- the consideration sheet and register page for *Final Fantasy XVI*;
- screenshots of the relevant record in the Classification Database Application and of the relevant classification Trello card; and
- relevant emails held by the Classification Office.

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 *Final Fantasy XVI* supplied the Classification Office with two files 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.

We also believe that releasing this material would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the publisher's commercial position.

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

Information that is not available to release

Neither an examination transcript nor a summary of reasons were produced for this title.

Accordingly, your request for this information is 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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Thank you for your interest in our mahi.

Ngā mihi nui,
Te Mana Whakaatu—Classification Office