

1 May 2017

Brett Mills

By email: fyi-request-5741-de4491de@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Brett

18 APRIL 2017: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email dated 18 April 2017 you requested information on the project *Castle of Lies* from the New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC).

Your request and answers to your specific questions are set out below.

"What was the code name given to the bail out of the Gibson Group's "Castle of Lies" and what are the financial details?"

The NZFC gave no code name or alternative name to, or in relation to, the project *Castle of Lies*.

The NZFC did not bail out the project.

The extent of the NZFC's financial involvement in the project is publicly available on our website at <http://www.nzfilm.co.nz/funding/past-funding-decisions>. For ease of reference, the NZFC provided script and project development loans totalling \$175,000 to the project.

The NZFC had also made a conditional offer of feature film production equity financing, approved by the NZFC Board on 22 July 2002. However, this was never contracted or paid, and the offer later expired, as the project did not proceed into production.

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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