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by email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 19 December 2018.

You have requested:

*all the information it (NZ On Air) holds that will explain the justification for NZ on Air providing funding for the video published by the New Zealand Herald and the Rotorua Daily Post and used to illustrate a court news report as referenced in the attached screen shot.*

As part of our support for regional media, NZ On Air this year has provided funding to six recipients (information is in our press release [here](#) and published in our July 2018 newsletter [here](#)). If you are interested in our general regional media approach, you can read Gavin Ellis's report [here](#). NZME's *Local Focus*, in its second year of funding, includes stories from video journalists based in four regions. NZ On Air does not know the content of the individual videos in advance. In this case it looks as if a funded video previously made to feature a local designer has been subsequently used by the platform to illustrate a later (unfunded) news story. We have no information on how this editorial decision was made.

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is here:

<http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-a-complaint/complaining-about-access-to-official-information-551307291224432>

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Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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