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Dear [REDACTED]

### Official Information request and response

Thank you for your further request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 23 September 2019. This follows on from your original request of 14 March and our response of 26 March 2019.

You have requested:

*Now that the programme 'Patrick Gower on Weed' has gone to air and s9(2)(b) no longer applies could you please release the information previously requested:  
'the original proposal for funding by Ruckus Media for the project Patrick Gower: The High Road'*

*Having watched the 2 episode programme we remain concerned that this production is very similar to our original proposal titled 'The High Road' given to a Mediaworks employee on 21 May 2018*

*We understand that all financial information can be redacted but ask that no redactions be made to any other areas of the proposal*

I have attached the requested proposal. We have withheld the production budget (s9(2)(b)) of the Act and redacted from the proposal -

- the photographs as copyrighted material (s9(2)(b)(ii))
- names of people who did not appear in the final programme (s9(2)(a))

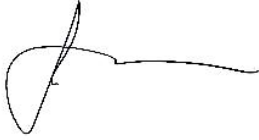
The production company reiterates: our position remains the same - *'The High Road with Patrick Gower' (working title) proposal was written in full by Ruckus, after receiving a one sentence brief from Mediaworks. We did not see and were unaware of any other proposal.'*

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](#). NZ On Air proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to requests for information under the OIA. Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the NZ On Air website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

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Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jane Wrightson  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**