From: Jenny Lapham
To: "Benedict Ong"
Subject: FW: LGOMIA request: Exit film production
Date: Thursday, 15 October 2026 04:00:00 p.m.

From: Jenny Lapham
Sent: Wednesday, 14 October 2026 10:29 a.m.
To: 'Benedict Ong' [redacted]
Subject: FW: LGOMIA request: Exit film production

Kia Ora

I refer to your e-mail of 21 September 2026 and apologise for the delay in responding to your request. Please our responses below each question.

1. Details of all Council involvement in or support for the production, including through Enterprise Dunedin.

Film Office/Enterprise Dunedin: facilitating permits and location scouting
Transport: facilitating permits
Parks & Recreation: facilitating permits
Property: facilitating workshop space for the art department

2. Any funding, grants, sponsorship, incentives, fee waivers/reductions or other financial assistance provided or committed.

No financial assistance was provided to the production other than staff time as per above.

3. Any in-kind support or Council resources provided, including staff time, locations/facilities, traffic management, parking, permitting and logistical support.

Staff time from the four involved departments as per above.

4. The total actual or estimated cost to Council, with a breakdown where available.

The only cost is staff time, as per above.

5. Copies of agreements or arrangements relating to Council support for the production.

The Film Office did not enter any agreements or arrangements other than supporting with the above (staff time).

6. Any reports, briefings or assessments supporting the stated expectation of "significant local economic benefits".

The Film Office will try and provide basic economic impact data once released from the production. This is dependant on what kind of information the production will release.

Please include costs met by Council as well as costs subsequently recovered from the production.

The production was charged permitting fees and a rental fee for the workshop space.

Kā mihi

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Subject: LGOMIA: film production

Kia ora Jenny,

I note that there is a film production in our Dunedin City by "Exit Films".

Under the LGOMIA I request for the below.

The purpose of this request is that

i) it will facilitate further international productions into our Dunedin City, by our public's understanding of the full scope of resources available and provided here by Dunedin City Council for film productions, including ongoing work for our City I do as Elected Member;

and

ii) ensuring that the disruptions to our Dunedin Community's daily lives from film crews which affect our traffic time and commuting times by stopping our traffic flows, are made up for by the unquantified economic benefit that is vaguely stated in the Council release of "**The project is expected to deliver significant local economic benefits."**

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4. The total actual or estimated cost to Council, with a breakdown where available.
5. Copies of agreements or arrangements relating to Council support for the production.
6. Any reports, briefings or assessments supporting the stated expectation of "significant local economic benefits".

Please include costs met by Council as well as costs subsequently recovered from the production.

Quoted from Council release:

"Kia ora koutou! Just a heads up - a major international television commercial production will be filming in Ōtepoti Dunedin over the coming days, bringing a large crew to the city which is expected to attract some attention.

The production, led by Exit Films, is expected to be based in Dunedin for about 10 days from the middle of next week.

Filming will take place at a range of locations across the city, although no filming is planned for the central business district.

Temporary traffic management will be in place at some locations while filming is under way, including stop/go controls where required to keep crews, residents, visitors and road users moving safely.

The project is expected to deliver significant local economic benefits and showcase Dunedin to an international audience when it launches.

We appreciate your patience while this work is underway."

Kind regards
Ben

Benedict Ong
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