

## Appraisal Report

### Legacy functions, activities and records evaluation for

#### Learning Media Ltd/ Ministry of Education

##### **Purpose**

In December 2013 Learning Media was closed and its functions were transferred to the control of the Ministry of Education. As records of this nature will not be created by Learning Media in the future a legacy appraisal is necessary to determine the appropriate disposal action for this non current group of audiovisual records.

It is also noted that these records are not covered by Learning Media's current Disposal Authorities (DA50 and DA 88) or by Archives New Zealand's General Disposal Authorities.

The Ministry of Education will be responsible for administering the disposal of these records as they have inherited the functions of Learning Media.

##### **Scope**

This legacy appraisal report covers audiovisual records in the form of unedited field footage created by Learning Media for the production of television programmes and educational resource kits and is estimated to consist of approximately 1000 tapes.

##### **Format**

Audiovisual / magnetic media – BetaSP and DVcam

##### **Function/Activity Information/Collection**

###### **Administrative history of Learning Media taken from Archives New Zealand's website:**

When the Department of Education was restructured as the Ministry of Education in 1989, the School Publications Branch continued its previous functions as "Learning Media". In 1993, Learning Media was registered as Learning Media Limited, a Crown-owned company governed by a board of directors, with shares held by the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance, under the Companies Act 1993.

Learning Media Limited provided contract publishing and professional development services to the Ministry of Education by publishing the *School Journal*, curriculum statements books, picture packs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, and websites for schools. It was New Zealand's largest publisher in te reo Maori, and also produced resources in English, five Pacific islands languages and Spanish for contracts with domestic and overseas corporate and government organisations in North America, Sweden, Australia, and South Africa.

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Archway – [www.archway.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz) (sourced 21.11.13)

## Methodology

A legacy appraisal has been applied to this set of audiovisual records in this case as Learning Media has been closed and its function transferred to the Ministry of Education. As such no further records of this nature will be produced by Learning Media in future.

The Australian New South Wales General Disposal Authority has been used as a reference to develop the value statement and to inform the disposal recommendation in this report as it covers audiovisual records of a similar nature.

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/recordkeeping/government-recordkeeping-manual/rules/general-retention-and-disposal-authorities/audio-visual-programs-and-recordings-gda-11#3-records-authorized-for>

(Sourced from New South Wales Government Archives website 20.11.13)

## Class 1 - Field footage for creation of television programmes and educational resources

### Description

This class is made up of audiovisual records created by Learning Media in c2000s. It includes un-edited field footage created for television programmes and educational resource kits.

This material was utilised for the production of television programmes such as *Knowledge Breakfast* and educational resources including *Teaching towards technology* (education kits have been sent to the National Library under legal deposit as published material). Some information contained in these records, such as the educational resource kits are duplicated in other collections, for example the TVNZ Archive (for broadcast programmes) and the New Zealand Film Archive.

### Value Statement

These records are considered to be of short term transitory value as they have been created for the preparation of a more complete public record (for example the television programmes and educational resource kits) it is considered that these are supplementary / preparatory records and as a result are not of considerable enduring archival value.

## Disposal recommendation

It is recommended that these records be destroyed. It is considered to be appropriate to destroy these records for the following reasons:

- Records are of short-term transitory value
- Information contained in these records is duplicated in the final productions and held by other collecting institutions. *Other collecting institutions holding the final productions include National Library of New Zealand, the Television New Zealand Archive and the New Zealand Film Archive*
- There is little risk in destroying these records as they hold no evidential, legal or accountability value and do not significantly add to the contextual, research or heritage value of the publications or broadcast programmes