



# DOCNZ 2010 PITCHING FORUM

## REGULATIONS

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Following the success of previous Pitching Forums, DOCNZ is pleased to open submission for our **DOCNZ 2010 Pitching Forum**. The DOCNZ Pitching Forum will allow selected filmmakers to pitch their project to a panel of local and overseas commissioning editors, buyers and other funders sitting together in a documentary specific pitching forum.

The 4<sup>th</sup> DOCNZ Pitching Forum is now open for applications. Only up to twelve filmmaking teams will be selected. There will be a masterclass on pitching prior to the Pitching Forum which selected applicants are invited to attend.

This is a significant opportunity for independent filmmakers to put forward their ideas for documentaries with more universal themes to local and overseas commissioners and buyers and to make important new contacts. For the Panel, it provides them an opportunity to hear of new and exciting projects. Observers will be able to hear international commissioning priorities direct from the decision-makers as well as to watch & learn from the pitching process.

### PROJECTS

DOCNZ seeks projects that are challenging and innovative in its subject matter as well as the treatment and delivery. In our selection process, we will give priority to:

- One-off documentary projects with international appeal and strong co-production potential
- Creative and cinematic projects
- TV and feature - length projects ( 45 mins and over )
- Projects that explore cross - platform opportunities

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Applications are now open and **must reach our offices no later than 4pm, 4 Dec 2009**.
2. Each application must be accompanied by a registration fee of NZD \$50.00. This fee may be paid by:
  - Online payment <https://www.docnz.org.nz/trust/payment-form.html>
  - Direct credit to *Documentary NZ Trust*, ASB Bank, Account No; 123019 0652838 00  
Please ensure that your direct credit has clear reference to: **Your Name**, DOCNZ Pitch10
  - Bank cheque
3. **All applications must be submitted in duplicate** using the Application Form. You may provide us a separate written pitch covering the points in the Application Form.
4. Email and faxed applications may be submitted to our email address but these must be also accompanied by a hard copy sent by post, postmarked no later than **4 Dec 2009**.

5. The organizers are entitled to require the applicants to provide such additional information and documents as may be considered necessary by the organizers.
6. Once selected, applicants will have to submit a final written pitch together with the required supporting documents in the format prescribed by DOCNZ.
7. The organizer will not consider incomplete applications.
8. The organizers have the absolute discretion to reserve the right to vary any aspect of the DOCNZ Pitching Forum including but not limited to:
  - the number of selected projects
  - the dates
  - the Panel and the activities to be held as part of or associated with the DOCNZ Pitching Forum or
  - cancelling the Pitching Forum
9. Successful applicants will be announced in early 2010.
10. Applicants must attend all events relating to the DOCNZ Pitching Forum including the master-class, media activities and the Pitching Forum in Auckland (1-3 March 2010).
11. Applicants agree that the organizers are entitled to use information and details of their applications for the purposes of DOCNZ 2010.
12. Applicants agree that they will not use their selection for the DOCNZ 2010 Pitching Forum for any non DOCNZ 2010 publicity or promotion without first obtaining the written consent of the organizers.
13. The winners and other selected applicants of the DOCNZ 2010 Pitching Forum agree to make themselves available for all media and press related activities in connection with the DOCNZ Pitching Forum.
14. All selected applicants agree that upon the completion of their project:-
  - they will premiere the completed film at the first DOCNZ Festival following the completion of the film; and
  - They will provide a suitable acknowledgement of the support of the Documentary NZ Trust to the project (including a logo of the Trust); and
  - They will ensure that all other funders, sales agents and distributors be made aware of this condition when contracting these parties to the project.
15. The selected applicants agree that all matters in connection with DOCNZ Pitching Forum shall remain confidential between the selected applicants and the organizers and shall not be revealed to third Parties without the prior written approval of the organizers.

**We are welcome your submissions.**

**GOOD LUCK**

Please send/bring your submission to:

**Postal Address:**

The Documentary NZ Trust  
DOCNZ Pitching Forum  
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Auckland 1142

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Ponsonby  
Auckland 1011

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