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## **SIR PETER JACKSON**

You get 1 lousy point. Seriously, who doesn't know about New Zealand's most famous director? Two things you may not know, however, is that he made films that didn't include hobbits, and he has made at least one movie that was less than three days long. Also what you may not know that if you're going to drop by Wellington and have a chat with him, you need to specify that you want to talk to the movie dude; otherwise, you'll end up having coffee with Peter Jackson the plumber. Peter Jackson the plumber is actually a pretty cool dude, but he's going to charge you \$120 an hour, plus pipe and fittings, for that chat over coffee.

And now my editor wants this to make a connection to the chapter's topic. She did ask nice, but, man, I really like

odd things that almost make sense but don't quite fit. Okay, fine, if I have to. Peter Jackson (the director, not the plumber) also penned a huge report on New Zealand creative industries and their impact on New Zealand culture both at home and abroad.<sup>6</sup> Sir Peter's report was requested, then ignored, then rediscovered by the New Zealand government and in the end led to a policy change that led to a tax break that led to a studio purchasing a film I wrote, called Dream Walker\* and that led to me really liking his report, which is reason enough to mention it here.

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\* <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt4022964/>