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The Hon Julie Bishop MP

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

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AUSTRALIA SECURES TWO BLOCKBUSTER FILMS

Two feature films, Sir Ridley Scott's next production for Twentieth Century Fox and Marvel Studios' *Thor: Ragnarok*, starring Australia's Chris Hemsworth, will be filmed in Australia from 2016.

Today's announcement is expected to bring more than \$300 million in offshore investment to Australia's economy, provide over 3,000 jobs and use the services of thousands of Australian businesses.

"Australia's creative industries are well placed to take advantage of a growing global economy and I have been actively promoting Australia for the production of major international films," Minister Bishop said.

"Our high quality facilities, leading industry experts, outstanding creative talent and diverse landscapes have given us an exceptional reputation as a world-class destination," Minister Bishop said.

The Government's investment will add to Australia's attractiveness in the lucrative but highly contested market for quality international film production.

"Attracting these two blockbuster films cements Australia's place as one of the world's best filming locations. Australian crews and actors will also gain the skills and experience to further strengthen our capacity to produce high-quality films for Australian and international audiences," Minister Fifield said.

"We are delighted to secure these two high profile international films that will support economic growth and innovation in Australia's world-leading local production industry," Minister Fifield said.

The Australian Government will invest \$47.25 million to attract these feature films to Australia.

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