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To whom it may concern,

I write to submit my view to the Inquiry, to ensure transparency and competition within the film & tv industry on a local scale.

My experience working on a local level has been less than positive. I am in the situation where council and council run businesses are the major contractors of work in the area, and they are far from open about their practices when it comes to choosing suppliers for work.

I am of the view that where practicable, local public bodies (councils, council run initiatives) should be mandated to put works to public tender when the services of a film or video professional are required.

In addition, they should be required to provide terms of reference for any works, and provide some feedback at the completion of the tender process.

This would allow businesses to remain competitive, in a local space. And prevent nepotism, and the creation of a de facto monopoly within the industry.

I believe a healthy industry is a competitive and collaborative one. Our strength has always been in supporting each other but we need to be supported at a local level to allow us to grow.

Regards,
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