



AM FILM & TV SETS



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**Subject:** Urgent Appeal for Prompt Passage of Legislation Supporting Australia's Film and TV Industry, namely the proposed increase to the Location Offset for Film and TV productions which was included in the *Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering Better Financial Outcomes and Other Measures) Bill 2024* which was introduced to the House of Representatives on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024, and which was referred to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry.

Dear Committee Members,

I am an independent contractor actively engaged in the Australian Film and TV industry which makes me a very small fish in a very big pond. I didn't get involved with the arts to get rich. Far from it. I got involved because, like the rest of my colleagues, we love it. Lately, however, the love has lost a bit of its' gloss because of how hard it is to find consistent work within the industry. Unfortunately, I know of at least one major production that has postponed its plans indefinitely, awaiting the outcome of the increase to the Location Offset legislation. Undoubtedly there are others. Consequently, thousands of industry workers are left in limbo, facing uncertainty and financial strain.

The longer this legislation languishes, the greater the adverse impact on all stakeholders. Despite Melbourne's wealth of talent and resources, our industry continually struggles to keep pace. We employ thousands of skilled professionals whose contributions significantly benefit the national economy. The calibre of work emanating from Melbourne is indisputable, yet the industry's full potential remains unrealized due to inadequate utilization of our resources. I recognise the importance of prudent fiscal management but wish to highlight the pressing need for legislative support to address the persistent disparity between Melbourne's industry and its Sydney and Gold Coast counterparts.

I urge the committee not to impede the passage of this crucial legislation. The economic and social repercussions of further delay are significant and detrimental to both our industry and the wider community. Melbourne's film and television sector is poised to make substantial contributions to our nation's cultural and economic landscape, but it urgently requires your support through timely legislative action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust in your commitment to prioritizing the interests of our industry and the prosperity of our nation.



