

Film Inquiry  
Submission No. 81.....

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Federal Inquiry

On behalf of the Actors and Performers represented by Judy Brown Management, I would like to formally voice my full support for the extension of the 12.5% Tax rebate currently available to Film Productions over \$15 million, to include Television Series and Bundled Telemovies. As an industry whose livelihoods are at stake we are increasingly losing productions and therefore business to other countries who offer a more attractive Tax Incentive.

The implications of a declining Industry are widespread, not only will the failure to change this policy affect the film and television industry, but also others such as the tourism industry. It is time the government realized that the film and television industry is real and viable; it is not a "luxury" industry. We only have to look at Canada and its government incentives and schemes. They now have a multi-million dollar industry; this is an opportunity that we continue to ignore. I think you fail to realize that if we had a successful film and television industry how far-reaching that success would be, what it means to other industries and how they are affected. Carpenters will have jobs building sets, the buying of timber and other such materials, the buying of local produce for catering, tourism, restaurants, transport companies, airlines and on and on. Let us think smart, let us be proactive; this industry has stumbled when in reality it should be booming. It is high time our Film and Television Policy became more aggressive in its approach to attracting foreign productions, and investors. So make the change, extend the tax rebate to television series and bundled telemovies, reap the rewards with us.

I have forwarded a copy of this email to my Actors and Performers whose business the Current Tax Policy affects, and encourage them to email you to voice how the decline in the Industry is affecting them.

Regards

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