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House of Representatives  
Standing Committee On Economics  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

I welcome this opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry into the Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment currently being heard by the House Standing Committee on Economics.


As a member of the Screen Producers Association of Australia (SPAA) who is directly affected by the proposed amendments to the documentary definition, I would like to endorse the concerns raised in their submission.

In particular, I strongly agree with SPAA's assertion that it is vital for the Producer Offset to adapt to changes in the market. There must be flexibility in guidelines to reasonably reflect changes in audience demand. If not, the policy intent of the Producer Offset to build stable and sustainable production companies will be undermined and will potentially be rendered inefficient as a market-driven financing mechanism.

I am deeply concerned at the legislative approach being considered by government to lock down the definition of documentary. This is a regressive approach to the evolving practice of documentary. And, for this reason, I would like the Committee to set aside the proposed amendments.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

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