

Film Inquiry

Submission No. 80.....

To Whom It May Concern,

My agent, Debbie Glover from Judy Brown Management in Brisbane advised me of the current discussion regarding the 12.5% tax rebate which members of the film and television industry feel should be available for bundled television movies and TV series. I would like to add my own comments to this discussion.

I, myself am an actor whose livelihood depends of our country having a viable and profitable film and television industry. It worries me how little value we seem to place on home grown drama series and films and how flooded our market is with reality TV shows and imported TV series. We may have Fox Studios and Warner Brothers Studios, but how many of us actors actually get chance to work there? We need to aggressively pursue investors at home and overseas and bring this industry to life.

I believe that if a significant tax rebate was offered for television productions in the same way as it is currently available for films, our industry would be in much better shape. There would be an incentive to invest in TV productions and therefore, more productions would be made. What we see on our screens reflects who we are. The demise of our film and television industry goes hand in hand with the dilution of our cultural identity.

If we can introduce a tax rebate for television productions SOON, the industry on which people like myself depend, will grow and the ripples will extend to many other industries too. Our economy will grow and there will be more jobs for more (currently unemployed) professionals like myself.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns and viewpoint. I look forward to being present at a forum to discuss this in the future.

Yours faithfully

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