

film Inquiry
Submission No. 79.....

To whom It May Concern,

I would like to make a submission to the inquiry on film and other related matters:

As a working actor/ writer/ director and occasional art department assistant - it alarms me that my livelihood is at stake here.

The fact that we are loosing productions to other countries because of the Tax rebate policy, which states, that film productions over \$15 million can receive a tax rebate of 12.5%. I strongly believe that my career as well as the career of others and the industry will benefit from extending the 12.5% tax rebate to Bundled Telemovies and Television Series.

We do have to act NOW, because time will not stop these productions going to a more viable destination. The returns stem far greater than just our industry. Just ask the retailers, tradesmen, suppliers, tourist operators and many other business, large and small, who stand to gain from these productions coming here.

This is not an aloof industry. This is and can continue to be a multi-million dollar industry, if not more, but we must change with the times. The set rule needs to be broadened. Lets act intelligently and make a few changes so that our booming film industry can be a viable attraction for foreign productions.

Please extend the tax rebate to include Television Series and Bundle Telemovies - remember livelihoods are at stake!

Regards

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