

Film Inquiry
Submission No. 86.....

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RE: Public hearing on 25th July as part of the Inquiry into the future opportunities for Australia's Film, Animation, Special Effects and Electronic Games Industries:

Dear Dr Andrew Brien

We, the Employees of Cutting Edge Post - Gold Coast Office, have grave concerns for the longevity of our employment within the Film & Television Post Production Industry. Our part of the Industry has thrived in the past years driven by the passion of our people, and our Employers drive to Market & Promote the Industry in this Country. It is widely accepted that any work in this Industry is treated as Gold. This is how we think. It's not just a job to us, more a way of life.

We are huge supporters of our local Product, but we are all aware that this alone does not create enough work to support our Industry. In very recent times we have noticed a downturn in the amount of Productions shooting in our Country. Why? Yes, we do know that there are many reasons for this, most of which we as a Country have no control over whatsoever.

However, there is one thing we can change.

Like other Countries, we need to dangle the carrot in front of International Producers & entice them to our shores by way of proposed tax rebates for Television Series' & bundled MOW's. The proof is there for everyone to see that this kind of incentive works. Just look at the increase in Feature Films that have been brought into our Country since the 12.5% rebate was introduced for them. Now, we must take the next step and extend that offer to TV Series' & MOW's.

We must move now. No delay. Let's promote our Country as that of a nation that will compete in the International Market & not allow ourselves to Mothball in the closet.

Let it be loud & clear, this is a serious situation. Please act promptly.

Kind Regards
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