

Submission No. 87

Committee Secretary
House of Representatives
Standing Committee on Communications,
Information Technology and the Arts
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
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Dear Madame/Sir,

I wish to submit to the committee my views on the current state of the film and television industry in Australia, in particular clause (h) in the terms of reference, namely changes which need to be made to existing government support programs to ensure they are aligned with the future opportunities and trends in the industry.

Tax incentives for low budget Film and Television Productions urgently requires review to compete with other nations offering such programs to local and international productions, namely 12.5% tax incentives for productions of less than \$10m US. At present in Queensland there are several hundred industry members unemployed due to the lack of such incentives. To many productions have initially considered our many magnificent locations and services only to be unable to continue due to uncompetitive government support. We have so much to offer in all areas of film and television production, but alas not enough work to fulfil our needs or pockets.

Other industries also are feeling the shortfall in their output as can be appreciated from the demand and supply of endless quantities of services and materials needed to support a healthy entertainment industry.

Thanking for this opportunity to express my opinion towards your inquiry.

Yours faithfully
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