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Dear Secretary

Inquiry into the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007

On 16 August 2007, the Senate referred the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 to the Senate Standing Committee on Economics for report by 5 September 2007.

The ABC wishes to provide the following comment in relation to proposed tax changes in the area of film production offsets;

While the ABC believes that a higher level of rebate for television production would provide greater certainty for developing the Australian independent production sector, the tax rebate to be delivered through this legislation is an important and welcome initiative for the sector and for the ABC.

Since the Budget announcements the ABC has had the opportunity to discuss the proposed rebate with the Government and with Commonwealth agencies. These discussions have been constructive and have covered a number of specific aspects of the rebate. The ABC welcomes the range of changes proposed by the Government to the original package and believes the changes significantly enhance the package.

The producer rebate scheme is an important initiative for the Australian independent production industry and the ABC looks forward to working with the industry to continue to commission and broadcast a range of Australian content from the independent sector.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Dalton', written over a faint circular stamp.

Kim Dalton
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