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Dear Dr. Holland,

Thank you for sending one extract from submission to the inquiry into forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands.

I note the comments that my marriage with John Hicks compromises my independent professional credibility. It is a profession that I continue and am still working as a television journalist.

I grew up in a country where women's opinion were not equally valued with men despite there being 95 percent employment of women.

I thought and hoped those times had been changed.

Unfortunately I can not be present when the Senate Committee will be on the Tiwi Islands because I am on an assignment in Europe.

My professional qualifications include

1984 – 1989	Studies at Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena, Germany German literature and language Humboldt-University, Berlin, Germany Film history/dramaturgy
1987	Practical Training Film Studios Babelsberg, Germany
1989	Master's degree German Studies
1989 - 1991	Research fellowship Theater School, Leipzig, Germany

Writer / Director

Significant work include:

First screening:

„Lives along the big stream “
1992

45 min NDR

Portraits from the river Wisla in Poland
Documentary

„Catherine the Great“

30 min MDR 1993

Historical Documentary about the famous tsarina of Russia
Filmed in Zerbst, Germany and St. Petersburg, Russia

„Memorial – fight against oblivion“ 1993 Documentary in Moscow/St. Petersburg about the association “Memorial”, who continue the fight for the rights of the victims from the era of Stalin's dictatorship	45 min NDR
„Cloister Altzella“ MDR 1993 Documentary about an historic cloister of the Cistercian order	30 min
„Daniel Druskat“ NDR 1993 Documentary about the development and changes in the agricultural structure and ownership in the eastern parts of Germany	45 min
„Between Halle and Saigon“ Portrait of Kung fu master Chu Tan Cuong from Halle, Germany, who became an film star in his native country Vietnam Documentary filmed in Vietnam and Germany	30 min MDR 1994
„The Missionary“ MDR 1994 Portrait of Heinrich Melchior Mühlenberg who founded the Lutheran church of North America Documentary filmed in Germany and the US	30 min
„The Other Home“ 45 min NDR 1994 Long-time documentary about the retreat from Germany and return of the West Troop of the former Red Army Filmed in Germany, Poland, Belarus	
„Memories about the Fifth Continent“ MDR 1994 Writer Joachim Specht returns to visit Australia after 40 years absence during which he chose Australia as an unique topic of his novels Documentary filmed in Germany and Australia	30 min
„General von Steuben“ Documentary about the Prussian officer Wilhelm von Steuben who fought with George Washington for independence and wrote the Blue Book of the United States Army Filmed in the US and Germany	30 min MDR 1995
„Bombs on Magdeburg“ min MDR 1995 Documentary about the devastation of the city of Magdeburg during WWII in January 1945 Filmed in Germany and UK	30
„The city which never dies“ 45 min NDR 1995 Documentary about the survival of the Jewish girl Yaffa Eliach who is today Professor for history and literature in New York and Founder and creator of the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC Filmed in Lithuania, New York, Washington	
„Laura Biagiotti“ sat1 1996 Fashion designer in Rome; home story	15 min n-tv;

„From Kazakstan to Königsberg“ NDR 1996 Documentary about German deportees searching for a new home Filmed in Kazakstan and Russia	45 min
„Survival in the woodlands“ 30 min MDR 1996 Attempts of young people trying to survive away from civilization in a forest environment	
„Prussia's castles and gardens“ Welle 1997 Documentary about the famous garden architecture; - UNESCO World Heritage	Deutsche
Leader and opening credits „Soldiers for Hitler“ series 1998 16mm film	ARD
„Castle Weesenstein“ Documentary	15 min MDR 1998
3 television advertisement, comedy 35sec MDR 1998 product: MDR channel, 16 mm	á
„Castle Runneburg“ Documentary about one of the most famous castles of the Romanesque period	15 min MDR 1998
Leader and opening credits „The Waffen-SS“ series 1998 16mm Film	ARD
„Moritz Götze 007“ min MDR 1999/ Portrait of East Germany's most successful Pop artist and his paintings	30 3sat
„Picturebook Germany - The Kyffhäuser“ min ARD 1999 Documentary - Series	45
„Vietnam à la carte“ min Arte 2000 A culinary journey throughout Vietnam	30
„The world of the puppeteer“ 30 min MDR 2000 Reporting about the art of the figure theatre Filmed in Switzerland, West Africa, Germany	
„Islands of the Baltic Sea“ Documentary about myths and traditional life today min Arte 2000	45
„Picturebook Germany – From Quedlinburg to Halberstadt“ min ARD 2000 Documentary	45
„Canary Islands“ min Arte 2001 Documentary about the three smallest Canary Islands	45

"Picturebook Germany – Leipzig"

45 min ARD 2001

Documentary - Series

"Picturebook Germany – Görlitz"

45 min ARD 2001

Documentary about the frontier city of the WWII

"Australia's Northern Territory"

41 min Arte 2001/

Documentary focussing on missions, highlights and harmony of Territorians

Discovery Channel

52 min

"Senegal"

min Arte 2002/

Documentary about Kings and Queens in villages and the Islamic world in the cities

Discovery Channel

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52 min

"Picturebook Germany - Jena"

45 min ARD 2002

Documentary - Series

"Sumatra"

41 min Arte 2002

Documentary focussing on the Minangkabau, the matrilineal tribe in an Islamic country

"Tasmania"

41 min Arte 2003

Travel Documentary focusing the development from a convict island to a very sophisticated tourist destination

"Belize"

min Arte 2003/

Documentary about hidden Mayan Metropolis, Garifunas and Mennonites in the tiniest country of Central America

Discovery Channel

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52 min

"Picturebook Germany – Stendal"

45 min ARD 2003

Documentary - Series

"Picturebook Germany – Chemnitz"

45 min ARD 2004

Documentary about the city of artists and engineers

"The Pearl of the South Sea"

45 min Arte 2005

Documentary in WA and NT, Australia

"Green Sweets – New Zealand's Kiwifruit"

min Arte 2005

Documentary about the history of the Chinese Gooseberry In the Southern Hemisphere

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"Mansfield County"

45 min ARD 2005

Birth and death of Martin Luther in Eisleben

Documentary

"1200 years Halle at the river Saale"

45 min ARD 2006

Documentary

**"Medicine in the 21st Century
Alzheimer – Hope for a cure?"**

min Arte 2007

Documentary

45

"Witches and Brocken around Wernigerode"

45 min ARD 2008

Documentary

"One year Intervention in the Northern Territory"

min Arte 2008

Reportage

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Currently filming:

"Muted Writers"

History of Literature in Eastern Germany

Currently preparing:

"Economy and Women in Afghanistan"

Yours sincerely

Carla Hicks

Darwin, 2nd May 2009

Signed hardcopy of this response has been posted.