



## **Inquiry into the Australian Film and Television Industry**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts has received an inquiry into the Australian Film and Television Industry and is calling for submissions.

The inquiry's **Terms of Reference** are:

*Factors contributing to the growth and sustainability of the Australian film and television industry.*

Committee Chair, Mr Luke Howarth MP said: "the committee wants to hear how Australian independent filmmakers, and major film and TV companies can expand and better compete for investment with producers and multi-platform production companies from overseas."

"We also want to hear from investors and the industries that support local production, for example: digital animators and editors, and sound and set production companies," Mr Howarth said.

Screen Australia's Drama Report (2015-16) notes that Australian films have recently performed the strongest in more than a decade, with four titles each earning over \$10 million (including: Mad Max: Fury Road, The Dressmaker, Oddball and The Water Diviner) and contributing 7.2 per cent to total box office sales.

Screen Australia's report also suggests that 2015 was a standout year for Australian films – well up on the previous year, when the share was 2.4 per cent, and above the 10-year average of 4.3 per cent.

Mr Howarth added: "As a committee, we believe Australian film and TV can be more competitive, and we will be investigating ways the Australian industry can grow sustainably."

**Submissions are being sought by Friday, 31 March 2017**, and can be made online through the webpage: [www.aph.gov.au/FilmTV](http://www.aph.gov.au/FilmTV) or emailed to the secretariat at [communications.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:communications.reps@aph.gov.au).

Inquiry updates, submissions and public hearing transcripts will be published on the webpage as the inquiry progresses.

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