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Secretary
Senate Environment and Communications Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

Inquiry into the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No.1) Bill 2021

I refer to the above inquiry and to evidence I recently provided during a hearing of the Committee on 7 June 2021 on behalf of Screen Producers Australia. I am writing with a point of clarification with regards to the evidence I provided.

In my evidence (pages 3, 5, 7 and 8) I refer to the way in which the New Eligible Drama Expenditure (NEDE) Scheme has required contributions from channel providers towards Australian drama and I note Disney as an example of a channel provider to Foxtel that has been required to make a contribution.

I wanted to clarify that as Disney has recently removed its channels from the Foxtel platform, this is correct from an historical standpoint, but that going forward, the NEDE scheme will not apply to Disney channels until they return to the subscription television framework through Foxtel or another provider.

The future application of Australian content obligations to the Disney group of services will primarily be determined through the decision whether to apply obligations to streaming services, such as Disney+, which is currently unregulated.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide a submission and evidence to the inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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