



OPEN LETTER

WE are storytellers – writers, producers, directors, casts and crews who make screen stories that honour past Australians and connect present and future generations to our history and to our values.

YOU are elected representatives – the custodians of Australia’s stories, our unique culture. You create the environment within which our nation’s stories thrive or die.

Ours is a partnership. And we need your help.

Our ability to keep telling Australian stories on screen is at risk, our voices in danger of being drowned out by a deluge of overseas content.

And if our nation’s stories aren’t told, they die. And when they die, future generations won’t know who we are and what makes us *us*.

That’s why we need to **‘Make it Australian’**.

We need:

1. Australian content rules to evolve, to cover new media like Netflix, Amazon, Telstra TV, telcos and ISPs;
2. Competitive tax incentives; and
3. Well-funded public broadcasters and screen agencies.

Then we can compete. Australians telling the diverse stories of our people, our country.

We call on parliamentarians, the custodians of our uniquely Australian stories, to commit to growing our screen industry so that our Australian stories will be told to our children, grandchildren and the generations of Australians that follow.

SIGNED

Camilla Ah Kin, Actor
Gillian Armstrong, Director
Su Armstrong, Producer
Tony Ayres, Director
Simon Baker, Actor
Michala Banas, Actor
Tony Barry, Actor
Natalie Bassingthwaighe, Actor
Steve Bastoni, Actor
Nicholas Beauman ASE, Screen Editor
Dion Beebe ACS ASC, Cinematographer
Nicholas Bell, Actor
Amanda Bishop, Actor
Wayne Blair, Actor
Rachael Blake, Actor
Cate Blanchett AC, Actor
Russell Boyd ACS ASC, Cinematographer
Patrick Brammall, Actor
Shane Brennan, Screenwriter
Tony Briggs, Actor
Anna Broinowski, Director
Jonathan Brough, Director
Bryan Brown AM, Actor
Chris Brown, Producer
Simon Burke AO, Actor

Jason Burrows, Producer
Mitchell Butel, Actor
Robyn Butler, Actor
Rose Byrne, Actor
Annie Byron, Actor
Rob Carlton, Actor
Peter Carroll, Actor
Michael Caton, Actor
Penny Chapman, Producer
Shareena Clanton, Actor
Dustin Clare, Actor
Justine Clarke, Actor
Adelaide Clements, Actor
John Collee, Screenwriter
Ian Collie, Producer
Robert Collins, Actor
Robert Connolly, Director
Dany Cooper ASE, Screen Editor
Michael Cordell, Producer
Wendy Cork APDG, Costume Designer
Rodger Corser, Actor
Deb Cox, Producer
Stephen Curry, Actor
Helen Dallimore, Actor
Henry Dangar ASE, Screen Editor

Matt Day, Actor
Alexandre de Franceschi ASE, Screen Editor
Rolf De Heer, Director
Kate Dennis, Director
Jason Donovan, Actor
Terry Donovan, Actor
John Doyle, Screenwriter
Beverley Dunn, Set Decorator
Marta Dusseldorp, Actor
Harriet Dyer, Actor
Fiona Eagger, Producer
Joel Edgerton, Actor
John Edwards, Producer
Ben Elton, Screenwriter
Alexander England, Actor
Daniela Farinacci, Actor
Carl Fennessy, Producer
Mark Fennessy OAM, Producer
David Field, Actor
Angie Fielder, Producer
Jack Finsterer, Actor
Alan Fletcher, Actor
Roger Ford, Production Designer
Lucy Fry, Actor

Lizzy Gardiner, Costume Designer
 Nadine Garner, Actor
 Rebecca Gibney, Actor
 Colin Gibson APDG, Production Designer
 Antony I Ginnane, Producer
 Rachel Gordon, Actor
 Ian Gracie APDG, Supervising Art Director
 Pippa Grandison, Actor
 Gyton Grantley, Actor
 Mac Gudgeon, Screenwriter
 Don Hany, Actor
 Anthony Hayes, Actor
 Noni Hazlehurst, Actor
 Chris Hemsworth, Actor
 Damon Herriman, Actor
 Scott Hicks, Director
 Chris Hilton, Producer
 PJ Hogan, Director
 Frankie J Holden OAM, Actor
 Wayne Hope, Actor
 Sacha Horler, Actor
 Lachy Hulme, Actor
 Peter James ACS ASC, Cinematographer
 Tom Jeffrey AM, Producer
 Veronika Jenet ASE, Screen Editor
 Ron Johanson OAM ACS, Cinematographer
 Laura Jones, Screenwriter
 David Jowsey, Producer
 Claudia Karvan, Actor
 Sean Keenan, Actor
 Deborah Kennedy, Actor
 Andrew Knight, Screenwriter
 Samantha Lang, Director
 Anthony LaPaglia, Actor
 Michela Ledwidge, Director
 David Lee, Sound Recordist
 Steve Le Marquand, Actor
 Jacinta Leong APDG, Art Director
 Ewen Leslie, Actor
 George Liddle APDG, Production Designer
 Jeremy Lindsay-Taylor, Actor

Rob Mackenzie, Sound Editor
 Deborah Mailman, Actor
 Jessica Marais, Actor
 Lex Marinos, Actor
 Damian Martin, Prosthetic Makeup Artist
 Catherine Martin APDG, Production Designer
 Don McAlpine ACS ASC, Cinematographer
 Catherine McClements, Actor
 Andrew McFarlane, Actor
 Jacqueline McKenzie, Actor
 Ray Meagher, Actor
 Nick Meyers ASE, Screen Editor
 Sue Milliken AO, Producer
 Heather Mitchell, Actor
 Jocelyn Moorhouse, Director
 Kestie Morassi, Actor
 Geoff Morrell, Actor
 Kate Mulvany, Actor
 Nick Murray, Producer
 Igor Nay, Production Designer
 Sam Neill, Actor
 Robyn Nevin, Actor
 Phil Noyce, Director
 Chris Oliver-Taylor, Producer
 Ben Osmo, Production Sound Mixer
 Hunter Page-Lochard, Actor
 Helen Panckhurst, Producer
 Georgie Parker, Actor
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 Craig Pearce, Screenwriter
 Guy Pearce, Actor
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 Jen Peedom, Director
 Rachel Perkins, Director
 Jacquelin Perske, Screenwriter
 Adrienne Pickering, Actor
 Jo Porter, Producer
 Susie Porter, Actor
 Leah Purcell, Actor
 Daina Reid, Director
 Chloe Rickard, Producer
 Deborah Riley, Production Designer
 Brian Rosen, Producer
 Richard Roxburgh, Actor

Bill Russo ASE, Screen Editor
 Martin Sacks, Actor
 Jan Sardi, Screenwriter
 Fred Schepisi, Director
 John Seale AM ACS ASC, Cinematographer
 Dean Semler AM ACS ASC, Cinematographer
 Emile Sherman, Producer
 Greer Simpkin, Producer
 Sarah Snook, Actor
 Dan Spielman, Actor
 Kriv Stenders, Director
 Barbara Stephen, Producer
 Kat Stewart, Actor
 Yael Stone, Actor
 Gary Sweet, Actor
 Nadia Tass, Director
 Michael Tear, Producer
 Lisa Thompson, Set Decorator
 Erik Thomson, Actor
 Sigrid Thornton, Actor
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 Mandy Walker ACS ASC, Cinematographer
 Stephen Wallace, Director
 Damian Walshe-Howling, Actor
 Tasma Walton, Actor
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 Elka Wardega, Prosthetic Makeup Artist
 Hugo Weaving, Actor
 Peter Weir, Director
 David Wenham, Actor
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