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My name is Ben Morieson and I work as a Production Designer in Film and Television. I have loved working on Australian Film and Television over the last 25 years. The people I work with are very passionate about telling Australian stories through this dynamic and highly accessible medium. I get to collaborate with so many talented and creative people in projects that vary from high drama, to comedy, to children's television.

I am very concerned that the government is ignoring an opportunity to enhance the Australian film and television Industry. In particular, by weakening the current local content regulations that mandate an amount of local story telling that preserves and celebrates Australian culture and history. Our federal government should be encouraging and extending that mandate across all platforms including the current free to air networks, but also all the streaming networks that operate in Australia. It is crucial to our wellbeing as an independent country to have local content that expresses and educates the general population about our history and tells stories pertinent to all Australians across this vast continent. This should not be seen as an imposition on those networks that profit from their engagement with the Australian public, but more of an affirmation of who we are, and where we have come from as well as how we have made this country what it is today. By leaving the choices by networks to pursue the best deal in the market, the government will be allowing the cheapest foreign television productions to set the new

standard of our cultural investment. The government needs to make it fair for free to air networks who employ Australians to make our film and television by imposing the same standards on the foreign streaming services. This will add greater value to our local industry by increasing local output and increase the potential for more exports of our locally made content.

Thank you for reading this submission.

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(Credits include; The Castle, The Dish, Oddball, Hawke,
Saved, 5 Bedrooms, Mustangs FC, Blake Mysteries.)

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