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My name is Helen McGrath and I have worked in the film industry for almost 20yrs as a boom operator in the Sound department. I went to university to study film and I have followed a path that a over time allowed me to earn my living in a creative industry. This is an industry that not only makes billions of dollars for the Australian economy but gives so many people joy and fulfilment.

The great folly of this government would be to underestimate the love Australians have for their own stories.

We would like both broadcast and digital streaming channels to have significant Australian content. If they are going to profit from Australians they should invest in our stories and our jobs.

If you remove or decrease Australian quotas the industry will eventually fold. The collapse of such a vital industry will leave thousands of Australians without work. My job, my livelihood, my sense of worth will take a drastic hit one which is totally avoidable with just some proper financial and forward thinking strategies.

Tax incentives could be updated to allow Australia to become internationally competitive. Let's make Australia the place productions want to shoot and employ crew. Let's balance that with a thriving local industry where our own stories are produced and in turn also employ local crew.

Our industry is vibrant and productive if there are incentives and intelligent guidelines set up that allow it to thrive. And surely an industry that employs so many people and makes so much money is worth saving.

Thanks for your time, Helen McGrath