



## SCREEN PRODUCERS AUSTRALIA WELCOMES EU TRADE TALKS

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Screen Producers Australia CEO, Matthew Deaner today welcomed the Government announcement of the start of trade talks with the EU and pushed for an Australia-EU co-production treaty.

“I welcome the Government’s announcement of the opening of negotiations for an Australia-EU free trade agreement. The screen industry looks to the Government to include a co-production treaty in these negotiations. Australian producers are well placed to leverage a co-production treaty with the EU to bring economic and cultural returns to Australia. South Korea has a co-production treaty with the EU, why not Australia?” said Mr Deaner.

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### **About Screen Producers Australia**

Screen Producers Australia was formed by the screen industry to represent large and small enterprises across a diverse production slate of feature film, television and interactive content. Our members employ hundreds of producers, thousands of related practitioners and drive more than \$1.7 billion worth of annual production activity from the independent sector. On behalf of these businesses we are focused on delivering a healthy commercial environment through ongoing engagement with elements of the labour force, including directors, writers, actors and crew, as well as with broadcasters, distributors and government in all its various forms. This coordinated dialogue ensures that our industry is successful, employment levels are strong and the community’s expectations of access to high quality Australian content have been met.