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Re: Australian Screen Stories for Children

To whom it may concern,

The stories we identify with form our inner narratives about our belonging, purpose and possibilities in life. Emerging evidence verifies the link between stories and internalised beliefs about cultural and gender roles in children. Story is a powerful medium for next generation capacity building; what we see, we become.

For this reason, investment in Australian Screen Stories for Children is a long term investment in sociocultural equity for successive generations of Australians.

Australian children are deserving of authentic stories representing our egalitarian values and human resilience. Most of all, Australian children of sociocultural minorities deserve to identify with complex characters and dignified narratives.

Our children's screen stories should deepen our connection to the sacred lands of the world's longest living culture upon which we live and work and reflect the diverse realities of our multicultural population.

Yours sincerely,

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