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Dear Lesley,

Review of the Australian Content Standard - Supplementary Submission

The Foundation has this week become aware of the position adopted by the Australian Film Finance Corporation with regard to the revision of the Standard, and would like to express our strong support of that position.

Accordingly, the Foundation would like to reinforce the point which was made in our earlier submission, and which in fact underscores our entire approach to this enforced review of the Standard.

We remain very concerned that any revisions of the Australian Content Standard in order to allow New Zealand programs to qualify for our local content quota can only dilute and harm that quota for Australian programs, and most particularly, Australian children's programs.

Therefore, the Foundation's primary position is that the ABA has been placed in an impossible position, and should report to the Government that the only real solution to this problem is for it to repeal Section 160(d) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr.) Patricia Edgar
Director