

## Tasmanian Filmmakers Alliance

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## Election 2018 Policy Briefing

TaFA has been working with the parties and monitoring their election commitments heading into the 2018 Tasmanian state election.

The Tasmanian screen industry is at a critical juncture, and it's important the State Government commits to growing the industry now.

TaFA does not support any particular political party, and provides this information for its members to decide for themselves who to vote for on March 3.

### Screen Tasmania investment

We need to increase the level of large-scale production, both homegrown and inbound. More TV shows and feature films will cement a strong base of cast and crew. This requires further government investment. Screen Tasmania currently has an overall fund of around \$800k per year, which includes investment in large scale production.

- The Labor Party has committed an additional \$500k per year for the investment fund, a total of **\$1.5 million** over three years.
- The Liberal Party has committed an additional \$1 million for the first year, and \$500k for the following two years, a total of **\$2 million** over three years.
- The Greens have committed an additional \$200k per year for the investment fund to be used for attracting Australian and international production, plus a once off \$200k for innovative new projects (see below), a total of **\$800k** over three years.

All three parties have specified the funds are for investment and not operational costs.

### Investing in new Tasmanian content

We need to position Tasmania as a hub of innovative content creation, shepherding local content from a proof of concept through to large scale production.

- The Labor Party has not made any specific commitment to increasing investment in innovative Tasmanian content, however have indicated their support for such content through the larger Screen Tasmania funding pool provided.
- The Liberal Party has specified that up to 25% of the additional funds for Screen Tasmania's investment pool will be for innovative new productions. They have not specified what the directive given to Screen Tasmania will be, as such it is not clear what the 'up to' figure will be in practice, or if the fund will be limited to Tasmanian creatives.
- The Greens have promised four grants of \$50k in the first year for innovative new projects.



## Supporting emerging filmmakers

We need to strengthen the pipeline that grows talent from entry-level to professional. Wide Angle Tasmania is central in supporting emerging filmmakers, however it is not currently receiving any funds from the State Government.

- The Labor Party has promised **\$100k** per year outside of the Screen Tasmania investment pool for Wide Angle Tasmania.
- The Liberal Party has not specifically allocated funds, however has indicated they would like to see Wide Angle Tasmania funded through Screen Tasmania's increased investment pool. It would be decided through Screen Tasmania's assessment process.
- The Greens have promised **\$120k** per year outside of the Screen Tasmania investment pool for Wide Angle Tasmania.

## Screen culture

Events, such as film festivals, are no longer funded through Screen Tasmania. Film festivals provide an opportunity to celebrate the strengths, achievements and ideals within a community, and build its screen culture.

- The Labor Party will restore funding to film festivals through Screen Tasmania.
- The Liberal Party has not specified a commitment to film festivals.
- The Greens have not specified a commitment to film festivals.

## Summary

- Total Labor Party commitment: **\$1.8 million** over 3 years
- Total Liberal Party commitment: **\$2 million** over 3 years
- Total Greens commitment: **\$1.16 million** over 3 years

If you have specific concerns regarding the parties' screen policies you'd like us to investigate, you can email us at [info@tafa.org.au](mailto:info@tafa.org.au).

## Read the policies for yourself

Labor: <http://bit.ly/2Famnzp>

Liberal: <http://bit.ly/2oAPLV7>

Greens: <http://bit.ly/2CoAnVe>

## TaFA

The Tasmanian Filmmakers Alliance represents and advances Tasmanian independent filmmakers. It currently represents around 160 filmmakers.

Membership is free. To join, head to our website.

<http://tafa.org.au>