



Screen Australia's draft Statement of Intent (SOI)

The Australian Screen Production Education & Research Association (ASPERA) is the peak body for the screen production discipline in Australian higher education and currently represents 16 universities that offer courses in film, television and video production (see www.aspera.org.au for membership details).

ASPERA believes its members play a crucial role in supporting one of Screen Australia's key functions, 'the development of a highly creative, innovative and commercially sustainable Australian screen production industry', as well as the principle expressed in the SOI 'to grow, to plan ahead and to nurture and develop professional talent'.

Much of the new and emerging talent in the Australian film and TV industry has gone through courses offered by ASPERA members and it is our view that the effective development of the industry in the future can only benefit from a close and consultative relationship between Screen Australia, ASPERA and the industry.

ASPERA has made it a focus to address the lack of dialogue between the industry and the higher education sector in relation to both education and research, so that film & TV graduates can enter the industry with the best possible prospects for developing sustainable careers, and Australian universities can play a meaningful role in providing research that supports innovation in the industry.

ASPERA would like to submit that it should be included in the list of organisations in Section 7 of the SOI 'Working with Others', as a relevant organisation to consult in the achievement of Screen Australia's objectives.

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