



Marion Scrymgour
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TERRITORY FILMMAKERS TO SHARE OUR STORY ON SBS TELEVISION

The Territory's great lifestyle will have an opportunity to be screened to audiences around Australia.

The Northern Territory Film Office (NTFO) and SBS Independent (SBSi) are seeking applications for an exciting new \$120,000 initiative for NT directors and/or producers to create a documentary that will screen on national television.

Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour urged NT filmmakers to apply for the 25 minute documentary to screen nationally on *Inside Australia* on SBS.

"*Inside Australia* is looking for personal stories that will give audiences an intimate inside view of Australian life," Ms Scrymgour said.

"The Territory has some great stories to tell and some great Territorians to tell those stories.

"The Territory Government is contributing \$60,000 to the project. This gives NT filmmakers a direct opportunity to broadcast their product and gain the experience and credibility to get future projects financed.

"To be eligible to apply individuals or teams must have previous documentary credits and depending on their experience, will be teamed up with an experienced executive producer during production.

"We expect that the documentary will be in production within a few months, and will air on SBS during 2008," Ms Scrymgour said.

SBS Independent's Commissioning Editor for Documentary, Jennifer Crone, said SBSi is excited to be able to offer the Territory's talented filmmakers the opportunity to showcase their work to our national audience.

"As a national broadcaster, forming this partnership with the NTFO and Territory filmmakers is a wonderful opportunity," said Ms Crone.

Applications close on 16 February and will be jointly assessed by SBSi and the Northern Territory Film Office. SBSi reserves the right not to commission any project if none are judged to be of a suitable quality.

For further information and details of application requirements please contact the Northern Territory Film Office on 89511162.

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