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## National Opportunity for Territory Documentary Makers

A Territory documentary maker has the opportunity to be selected for *Headlands: Challenging Documentary* – an intensive 10 week documentary development program of research, writing, conversation and collaboration.

Northern Territory Film Office (NTFO) Director Penelope McDonald said NTFO has partnered with the Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS), other state screen agencies, the Australian Film Commission and Film Australia to foster development of outstanding Territory documentaries.

“We are currently seeking applications from experienced documentary makers to take part in this exciting national documentary initiative which will be run in three stages between April and June 2008, with applications closing 28 January 2008,” Ms McDonald said.

“*Headlands* is the only documentary development initiative in Australia and participants will undertake a residential workshop, nine weeks supported research and writing time, followed by a two day workshop to refine pitching the project to the national and international market place.

“The focus is on supporting selected applicants through a process of research and development of a high concept documentary feature, series or a one off program that requires extensive research.

“AFTRS is looking for projects that have substantial ideas, and that may stretch form, content and the potential of documentary production in Australia.”

Ms McDonald said *Headlands* involves a series of masterclasses, and other project based sessions with leading Australian documentary makers, as well as international guests.

“*Headlands* offers Territorian documentary practitioners a unique opportunity to access national and international expertise in developing a documentary project,” Ms McDonald said.

Territorians interested in applying for *Headlands* are encouraged to contact the NTFO on 8952 5222 or e-mail [film.office@nt.gov.au](mailto:film.office@nt.gov.au).

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