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Screen Queensland supports a creative, innovative and successful screen industry through development and investment; secures production to Queensland; and delivers an active screen culture across the state.

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QPE means Queensland production expenditure resulting from the production of the Project by the Producer which the Auditor, following an audit of such expenditure, finds is reasonably attributable to:

- a) payments to Bona Fide Queenslanders that are subject to Queensland payroll tax and have triggered the payroll tax threshold pursuant to the Payroll Tax Act 1971 (Qld) (as amended from time to time);
- b) per diems and living and accommodation allowances paid to any person on account of their living in Queensland during production of the Project;
- c) Queensland workers' compensation insurance payments;
- d) fringe benefits tax relating to benefits provided in Queensland paid by the Producer;
- e) payments to Queensland Suppliers (which for the avoidance of doubt may include independent contractors who are not subject to Queensland payroll tax);
- f) payments in respect of the supply of goods and services provided in Queensland where arranged through a Queensland Agent (for example, the booking of accommodation or car hire through a Queensland Agent who is a travel agent);
- g) payments for post-production services provided by a Queensland Supplier;
- h) fees and charges relating to the use of land located in Queensland;
- i) expenditure for international or interstate airfares provided by a Queensland Supplier or arranged through a Queensland Agent provided that the 'two (2) week rule' for non-cast members applicable to the QAPE definition (set out in the Income Tax Assessment Act) applies, that is, the person must spend a minimum of 2 consecutive weeks in Queensland for that person's airfare costs to qualify;
- j) expenditure for freight provided by a Queensland Supplier or made through a Queensland Agent;
- k) such other expenses that, in the opinion of the Auditor, are properly included, subject to the written consent of Screen Queensland.

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NOTES

For the purposes of determining the amount of QPE where production expenditure is incurred in foreign currencies, the exchange rate will be the 4pm RBA rate averaged across the period in which QPE is incurred.

For the avoidance of doubt, goods and services that are sourced from outside Queensland from a non-Queensland supplier, even though they are used on the production of the Project in Queensland are excluded from the definition of QPE other than a supplier who meets the requirements of paragraph (e) above.

For the purpose of the definition of QPE:

Queensland Supplier means a supplier of goods or services whose principal place of business is in Queensland or who has a registered or permanent office or a branch in Queensland and that office or branch is supplying the goods or services.

Queensland Agent means a service supplier who makes the arrangements for the supply of goods and services where the service supplier's principal place of business is in Queensland or who has a registered or permanent office or a branch in Queensland and that office or branch is the service provider.

In determining the status of a supplier, the Producer may rely on the tax invoice of the supplier such that the supplier shall be a Queensland Supplier or Queensland Agent where the supplier issues a tax invoice which shows the supplier's address as being in Queensland, unless the Producer has knowledge that such address information is incorrect.