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## **APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SHORT BLACKS SHORT FILM INITIATIVE**

**Screen Australia's Indigenous Department is calling on emerging Indigenous filmmakers to submit 10 minute scripted story ideas for the Short Blacks short film initiative.**

This initiative is designed to bring fresh ideas for new Indigenous stories, authored and crafted by Indigenous people, to the screen.

"Some of Australia's most acclaimed Indigenous filmmakers such as Warwick Thornton (Sweet Country), Wayne Blair (The Sapphires) and Rachel Perkins (Mystery Road – TV Series) made award winning shorts funded by the Indigenous Department," said Penny Smallacombe, Head of Indigenous at Screen Australia.

"The aim of this initiative is to support the next crop of Indigenous storytellers who exhibit a high level of creative ambition with strong characters and bold ideas that can be developed and financed for production."

If you think this initiative is for you and you want to apply please go to:

**<https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/sa/screen-news/2018/05-18-apply-now-short-blacks-short-film-initiative>**

### **ABOUT THE INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT**

This year marks 25 years since the Indigenous Department at Screen Australia was established. Since then, the Department has provided over \$35 million in funding for development, production and talent escalation, with over 160 titles produced in that period. Since the Indigenous Department at Screen Australia was established, it has provided over \$35 million in funding for development, production and talent escalation, with over 160 titles produced in that period. The work of the Department and its partners is credited with forever changing Indigenous representation on screens, and ensuring Indigenous people can tell their own screen stories.

## **Applications close Monday 25 June 2018**

**Go to the Screen Australia website for further information.**

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