



MPPA Negotiations: Key Issues

The MEAA screen negotiating committee is seeking feedback from members on the key issues in the negotiations to renew the local industry standard Motion Picture Production Agreement (MPPA). The MPPA sets employment conditions for crew on Australian film, television and streaming drama productions. MEAA is negotiating on behalf of crew, with Screen Producers Australia (SPA) representing Australian producers.

The committee believes that if we can resolve these issues, we will be able to maintain Australian conditions long term, including recognition of market rates in the MPPA. SPA has agreed to negotiate on market rates once conditions are agreed in principle (contingent on reaching agreement on rates).

Meetings will be held on productions and online in the New Year to discuss members' feedback on the proposals and how we should proceed.

SPA proposal	Current MPPA	Current offshore film/TV	Committee feedback sought
<p>TRAVEL RADIUS</p> <p>All Productions: Travel time paid beyond 25km radius from GPO for capital cities</p> <p>QLD: Travel radius of 25km for Gold Coast (from Nerang train station)</p> <p>NSW: Sydney radius moves to Strathfield train station</p> <p>Regional Workers: 20km radius from main PO for local crew only in regional city with population > 75,000 (door to door for all other crew)</p> <p>All Productions: If production office moves to a new capital city or the Gold Coast during production, a new radius applies (e.g. Gold Coast to Brisbane, Adelaide to Darwin, Hobart to Melbourne)</p>	<p>Travel time paid beyond 20km radius from GPO of Capital city where the production company is based.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only one travel radius may be set from GPO of capital city where productions is based - Crew living away from home are paid door to door 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30km travel radius from GPO of capital city or from Gold Coast or Fox/Disney studios - (Offshore film only) 20km distant location radius for all crew from accommodation 	<p>Feedback from members on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasing radius to 25km <p>Feedback on accepting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Radius in every capital city (including Darwin, Canberra and Hobart) - Gold Coast radius - Moving Sydney radius to Strathfield - Radius applying to interstate crew in capital in which production is based - 20km radius for local crew engaged in regional city <p>Feedback on rejecting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moving the radius during production
<p>NIGHT-TO-DAY RESET (TRIAL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5-day non-consecutive week with a midweek 8-hour paid rest day between working nights and starting back on days - On last day, would be paid Saturday penalty but with no 6th day penalty - Vague on limits of when it can be used - Nothing about trial ending or being reviewed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Days must be worked consecutively - 6th day incurs OT penalty - There is no restriction on a turnaround or reset day, but would be a paid day off at full rate 	<p>Days must be worked consecutively unless exceptional circumstances apply, such as location availability, illness of key personnel, extreme weather</p>	<p>Seeking feedback from members</p>
<p>BROKEN TURNAROUND PENALTY</p> <p>Triple time paid for the shortfall</p>	<p>Additional single time paid on top of your wages until break is taken</p>	<p>Triple time paid for the shortfall</p>	<p>Seeking feedback from members</p>