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Dear Simon,

**Re: Termination of the Offshore Commercials Agreement by SPAA and possible strike action.**

Equity is shocked to learn of the sudden decision made by the Screen Producers Association of Australia to terminate the Offshore Commercials Agreement negotiated with our colleagues at MEAA.

This agreement has for many years guaranteed decent pay and conditions for performers working on offshore television commercials. If SPAA succeeds in destroying this agreement a dangerous precedent will be set for future negotiations in other parts of the entertainment industry.

We support MEAA's efforts to reach a settlement in the face of considerable employer resistance and note that an overwhelming majority - 98% of members balloted - are in favour of a strike if the SPAA fail to reach agreement by the 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Equity would like to express its solidarity with MEAA members forced to take industrial action after the 7<sup>th</sup> August. Until then we wish you the very best in your endeavours to reach a fair and equitable agreement.

In solidarity,

Christine Payne  
**General Secretary**

