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# The Fall Guy to inject \$244 million into Australian economy

The Morrison Government's Location Incentive program continues to boost the economy, with the latest investment of \$30 million luring another large-budget production, *The Fall Guy*, for filming in Sydney.

From the Universal Filmed Entertainment Group, the live action feature film is based on *The Fall Guy* television series, which was created by Glen A. Larson and starred Lee Majors as a Hollywood stunt man who, to make ends meet, has a side hustle as a bounty hunter.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, Paul Fletcher, said the production is expected to inject more than \$244 million into the Australian economy, supporting local businesses as they continue to rebound from the pandemic

"We are pleased to welcome *The Fall Guy* down under with \$30 million in support from our highly successful Location Incentive, with the production to employ over 1,000 Australian cast and crew, and more than 3,015 Australian extras," Minister Fletcher said.

"Through the Morrison Government's investment in large-budget production, we are delivering more jobs, a strong economy and a stronger future for Australians."

*The Fall Guy* is partly set in a film studio and presents a unique opportunity to showcase Sydney's landscape and film studio facilities to international audiences and will provide valuable training opportunities for our screen sector, with a focus on building capacity in our industry.

Universal Pictures' President, Physical Production, Jeff LaPlante, said, "After a successful partnership on the studio's production of *Ticket to Paradise* in Queensland, Universal is thrilled to return to Australia and base in New South Wales for the highly-anticipated film, *The Fall Guy*."

"The filmmakers and the Universal team are looking forward to working alongside the talented local crews to make this project a reality," Mr LaPlante said.

NSW Minister for the Arts, Ben Franklin, said New South Wales had become one of the most sought after places to film major Hollywood films.

"From its sandy coastlines to its vast outback and vibrant cities, Sydney and New South Wales has everything a filmmaker needs to transport the audience to another world," Minister Franklin said.

"New South Wales has the most talented film experts in the country for these productions, and I am so proud we have secured *The Fall Guy* with up to \$14.5 million in support through our \$175 million Made in NSW fund and in partnership with the Morrison Government, which will boost our local economy by creating jobs and supporting local businesses."

The Morrison Government has committed more than \$403 million under the Location Incentive, to attract 33 international productions to Australia. This will generate more than \$3 billion in private investment, provide more than 21,500 employment opportunities for local cast and crew, give opportunities to over 45,400 extras, and create work for over 20,500 businesses that support these big productions.

For more information on the Location Incentive, visit: <u>https://www.arts.gov.au/what-we-do/screen/australian-screen-production-incentive</u>

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