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Young Rock returns to inject \$47 million into Australian economy

The Morrison Government's Location Incentive program continues to boost the Australian economy, with the latest investment of \$6.3 million bringing hit U.S. comedy series *Young Rock*, about the life of wrestler-turned-acting-megastar Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, back to Queensland for its second season.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the return of *Young Rock* to our shores will inject more than \$47 million into the Australian economy.

"The *Young Rock* sequel is providing employment for more than 300 Australian cast and crew, and more than 1,200 Australian extras," Minister Fletcher said.

"NBCUniversal continuing their pipeline of work in Australia, including *La Brea*, *Joe Exotic* and *Irreverent*, is a testament to our talented screen sector. This steady line of work means crews that worked on *Young Rock Season 1* will be able to return to season two in senior roles with increasingly prominent international credits."

The production of *Young Rock Season 1* in Queensland injected an estimated \$33.8 million into the economy, and created more than 300 jobs for local cast and crew.

Following a successful season one shoot at Brisbane's Screen Queensland Studios, the second season will film on location around South-East Queensland and at Village Roadshow Studios.

To date, the Morrison Government has distributed more than \$256 million under the Location Incentive to attract 27 international productions to Australia, generating more than \$1.98 billion in private investment, providing more than 17,400 employment opportunities for local cast and crew, and creating work for over 16,000 businesses that support these big productions.

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