



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
of BRITISH COLUMBIA



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Malahat Nation's plan for an 80-acre film and production studio project. This project will be a significant financial enterprise for the nation and the surrounding region.

A report released by the Cowichan Valley Regional District noted that the motion picture industry contributed \$3.2 billion to the BC Economy from 2018 to 2019. The proposed film studio has the potential to create over a thousand jobs for Malahat Nation members and residents of the region.

This project will build on the existing foundation of the film production sector in the Cowichan Valley. The location is ideal as it provides quick access to ferries and airports, making the studio easy for film crews to travel to and from the studio.

One of the important benefits in their proposal is to increase employment opportunities in performance and production for people of colour, Black, and Indigenous peoples, women and those marginalized in the film industry such as people with disabilities. This would be a major contribution to diversity in film production.

The Malahat Nation has an exciting economic vision, and I encourage you to support them on their journey to success.

Sincerely,

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