

# Media Release

**The Hon Colin Brooks MP**

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## DISPATCHING ANOTHER BLOCKBUSTER SCREEN PRODUCTION

Hot on the heels of Liam Neeson's latest action movie *The Mongoose* – filming is underway on yet another blockbuster in regional Victoria – backed by the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks today announced the new thriller TV series *The Dispatcher*, an adaptation of Ryan David Jan's novel, has started production in Victoria – creating hundreds of jobs and showcasing our state to the world.

*The Dispatcher* will create 730 local jobs, including 400 crew, 330 cast and extras and 15 opportunities for up-and-coming screen workers.

The production will also engage 220 local businesses and inject over \$45 million directly into the Victorian economy.

Most filming will take place in Warrnambool, the Mornington Peninsula and the Yarra Valley – and will showcase our beautiful scenery to a global audience. Part of the production will also be filmed at the world-class screen facilities at Docklands Studios Melbourne.

Award-winning actor Patrick Brammall (*Colin From Accounts*, *Evil*) stars as a police detective who is searching for his young daughter.

The cast also includes BAFTA Award nominee Maxine Peake (*Say Nothing*, *Black Mirror*), Brendan Cowell (*Dune: Prophecy*, *Plum*), Daniel Henshall (*Mickey 17*, *How to Make Gravy*), Jessica Wren (*Mr. Inbetween*, *Return to Devil's Playground*), Zahra Newman (*Thirteen Lives*, *Addition*) and newcomer Chloe Geisker.

Emmy® award nominated executive producer Christian Schwochow (*The Crown*, *Munich: The Edge of War*) directs the six-part series, with Victorian award-winner Kris Mrksa (*Protection*, *No Escape*, *The Murders at White House Farm*) as lead writer and executive producer.

The series is executive produced by Jamie Laurenson and Hakan Kousetta from 60Forty Films (*Slow Horses*, *Hijack*), with executive producers Schwochow, Mrksa and Joanna Werner of Werner Film Productions. They are joined by producer Katharina Haase, co-producer Stuart Menzies and line producer Amanda Crittenden.

*The Dispatcher* is the latest in Victoria's growing pipeline of screen productions including ABC children's series *Knee High Spies* and *The Mongoose*, which was also filmed in regional Victoria. Other recent productions include drama series *Love Divided By Eleven* (Stan), *The Family Next Door* (ABC) and horror film *Saccharine*.

*The Dispatcher* is supported by the Labor Government through the Victorian Screen Incentive and the Australian Government through the Location Offset administered by the Office of Arts.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks

*"The Dispatcher adds to our year-round pipeline of local and international blockbuster projects, that keeps our screen industry pumping and provides an economic boost to regional communities and the state."*

*"Productions like these create jobs and engage local businesses both within and outside of the screen industry, as well as showcasing our talented crew, screen experts and incredible landscapes for the whole world to see."*

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## **Quotes attributable to The Dispatcher Executive Producer Hakan Kousetta**

*“The State of Victoria afforded us an abundance of opportunities for making a series of this scale possible. Fantastic facilities, competitive incentives, incredible locations, and first-class crew made filming here a really easy choice.”*

*“We’re genuinely excited to be making this compelling Australian set show for international audiences to enjoy and have it serve as a showcase for what is possible to achieve in Victoria.”*