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Netflix's *God's Favorite Idiot* to film in Australia

Netflix comedy *God's Favorite Idiot* is coming to Australia with a \$10 million grant from the Morrison Government's highly successful \$540 million Location Incentive program.

Produced by Ben Falcone and Melissa McCarthy, *God's Favorite Idiot* is a workplace comedy about a mid-level Tech support employee Clark Thompson (Falcone) who finds love with co-worker Amily Luck (McCarthy) at exactly the same time he becomes the unwitting messenger of God.

The series will be filmed in New South Wales with production expected to employ more than 300 talented Australian cast and crew.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the production anticipates to inject more than \$74 million into the Australian economy.

"*God's Favorite Idiot* will continue the pipeline of Netflix productions being made in Australia with support from the Government's Location Incentive, building on the success of *Clickbait*, *Escape from Spiderhead* and *Pieces of Her*," Minister Fletcher said.

"These global productions continue to provide opportunities for the Australian screen industry. With the excellent reputation of our cast and crew, complemented by Australia's careful management of COVID-19, the Location Incentive is generating return business that is growing and enhancing our sector."

New South Wales Minister for the Arts, Don Harwin said, "I am delighted that NSW is the go-to destination to attract significant international productions. With support from our Made in NSW fund, this exciting new Netflix series will provide highly skilled jobs, bring significant expenditure into regional areas and will showcase our beautiful Northern Rivers area."

God's Favorite Idiot will also engage the services of approximately 1,000 Australian businesses, including screen industry vendors, construction, hotels, restaurants, and rental car services.

Ben Falcone and Melissa McCarthy said, "To have the opportunity to safely film our show in a beautiful country like Australia is a dream come true. We love this country, and the talented people who live and work here. A special thank you to Chris, Luke, and Liam Hemsworth for volunteering to carry us to and from work with their wonderful powerful arms."

To date, the Morrison Government has provided \$200 million of Location Incentive funding to attract 20 productions to Australia. This is creating \$1.5 billion of expenditure in the Australian economy, providing an estimated 12,100 jobs for Australian cast and crew, and generating work for over 12,700 Australian businesses.

For more information on the Location Incentive Program please visit: www.arts.gov.au/what-we-do/screen/australian-screen-production-incentive.

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