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Australian producers to 'speed pitch' in LA

Thursday 1 October 2009: Ten leading Australian producers will head to Los Angeles next month to pitch their projects to a hand-picked selection of Hollywood executives. The initiative has been put together by Screen Australia in collaboration with Ausfilm.

The 'speed pitching' will take place in fast turnaround, one-to-one, round table sessions with representatives from major studios, production companies and independent distribution companies.

"The goal of the initiative is to present some of our most commercially viable projects to potential partners, in order to encourage US investment in Australian productions," said Screen Australia's Head of Marketing, Kathleen Drumm. "We expect high quality feedback for projects, which we hope will enable some to advance to the next stage. The venture will also provide an opportunity to put people together who otherwise might not necessarily meet."

Australian producers participating in the LA initiative are **Chris Brown, Rosemary Blight, Miranda Culley, Andrena Finlay, Matt Hearn, Max Mannix, Sue Murray, Sue Maslin, David Parker** and **Brian Rosen**.

Screen Australia's speed pitching event is part of a one-week LA mission organised by Ausfilm to encourage filmmaking partnerships between the US and Australian production communities.