



**Doug Parkinson, MLC**

Leader for the Government in the  
Legislative Council

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## **Festival of Films**

*Please Note: Release Embargoed until 7pm Thursday, 24th August –  
the launch will take place at the State Cinema, North Hobart.*

The renaissance of the Tasmanian Film Industry took another step tonight with the opening of the 48th L'Oreal Paris AFI Festival of Films.

Opening the Hobart Festival, the Leader of the Government in the Upper House Doug Parkinson said the Government has a vision for Tasmania to be renowned for its creativity.

“The industry in Tasmania, with the support of Screen Tasmania, continues to develop and has had a lot of recent success of its own.

“A number of local companies are regularly partnering with broadcasters to make documentaries that tell Tasmanian stories.

“Most recently of course we have had Real Life Water Rats produced by Roar Film and the four part Shacks series produced by Edward Street Films and Roar Film, both of which were broadcast nationally on ABC Television.

“Last November, our own world-class production studios opened at the Technopark in Glenorchy.

“The Goodwood Studio is a valuable resource for us, and is amongst

the best in the country in terms of the quality of its fit out and the facilities.

Mr Parkinson was talking at the premiere of the Hobart version of the 48th L'Oreal Paris AFI Festival of Films, which is running concurrently with festivals right around Australia.

"This year five Australian feature films and three shorts screened at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival, the most films in 20 years.

"Tonight's premiere screening of Suburban Mayhem is an opportunity for us to see one of those features," Mr Parkinson said.

The 48th Annual AFI Festival of Film in Hobart runs until the 10th September at the State Cinema, North Hobart.

"Everyone is welcome to attend the festival and this is your chance to catch up on the Australian flicks you missed and sneak preview the Australian films that are still to be released in 2006," Mr Parkinson said.

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