

Media Release

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FROM HOLLYWOOD TO HANGING ROCK VICTORIA SECURES HBO HIT 'THE LEFTOVERS'

Victoria has landed a Hollywood coup, securing filming of the third and final season of star-studded HBO and Warner Bros. series *The Leftovers* in Melbourne.

Premier Daniel Andrews was joined by HBO's Senior Vice President of West Coast Production Jay Roewe at Warner Bros. Studios in Los Angeles, to make the exciting announcement.

Creating more than 250 local jobs and injecting around \$20 million into the state's economy, *The Leftovers* is the largest international television production deal since *Childhood's End* was shot in early 2015.

Created by Damon Lindelof and Tom Perrotta, based on Perrotta's best-selling novel of the same name, *The Leftovers* is a drama that explores a world in shock and the lives that are changed forever, when 140 million people inexplicably vanish.

The first two seasons featured a star-studded cast including Justin Theroux, Carrie Coon, Amy Brenneman, Christopher Eccleston, Liv Tyler, Regina King and Ann Dowd.

Broadcast across the US in 2015, the second season was the third-most watched drama, attracting around 6 million viewers every episode.

It's the second time American entertainment powerhouses HBO and Warner Bros. have chosen Victoria as a filming location.

Warner Bros. chose Victoria to film its visually stunning feature *Where the Wild Things Are*, and HBO selected Victoria as the backdrop to its award-winning 10 part television miniseries, *The Pacific*.

A range of unique Melbourne and regional locations will set the scene for the final instalment of the series, with filming to commence in June 2016.

Filming for the production will take place over three months with some post-production and visual effects work to also be completed in Victoria.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"When Hollywood heavyweights HBO and Warner Bros. need a spectacular location down under, of course they choose to shoot in Victoria."

"From Hollywood to Hanging Rock, this brilliant production won't just attract some of tinsletown's biggest stars, but create local jobs and inject millions into the Victorian economy."

Quotes attributable to Film Victoria CEO Jenni Tosi

"We're delighted to again be working with Warner Bros. and HBO and we welcome The Leftovers production team to Melbourne."

"In choosing Victoria for this impressive series, The Leftovers will reinforce our reputation for expertise, diversity and crew creativity – and see fantastic benefits flow through our world-class facilities and businesses."

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Quotes attributable to Creator and Showrunner Damon Lindelof

“We’re immensely grateful for the opportunity to try something that looks and feels different from the preceding seasons and we absolutely cannot wait to bring our story to its conclusion down under.”