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Sunday night a sizzling sensation on Seven

The premiere of Seven's highly anticipated mini-series, *INXS: Never Tear Us Apart*, dominated a competitive night of television yesterday with a combined audience of 2.881 million viewers (1.974 Metro), more than double its nearest competitor.

The television event capped off a winning night for Seven with the line-up of *My Kitchen Rules*, the return of *Sunday Night* and *Never Tear Us Apart* delivering the network a 37.6% Metro share.

Seven's Director of Network Production, Brad Lyons, said: "We are rapt that good local production got the audience it deserved. We couldn't be prouder."

Seven's Director of Network Programming, Angus Ross, said: "It's all about planning, planning and planning. We put our stake in the ground with INXS for Sunday some time ago as we were confident that Shine and Seven Productions had delivered the TV drama event of 2014. Our promos, publicity and marketing teams have been relentless in their push toward last night and should be congratulated."

Tune in to Seven this Saturday at 9.20pm for an encore presentation of Part One of *Never Tear Us Apart*, or catch up now at Plus7.

In Part Two of *Never Tear Us Apart* this Sunday at 8.30pm, INXS are Australia's number one music export, but the parties, planes, drugs and girls soon take their toll. Lifelong friends become overnight enemies. Michael finds a new love, Paula Yates, and the other members of INXS look to relaunch the band's career off the back of a major Australian tour. It's November 22, 1997 and INXS are rehearsing at the ABC studios in Sydney. Michael is late - he is always late. But then the phone rings and INXS will never be the same...

Never Tear Us Apart is Executive Produced by Mark Fennessy, Rory Callaghan and Seven's Julie McGauran, with the band's manager CM Murphy and Tim Farriss as Co-Executive Producers and Kerrie Mainwaring and Andrew Prowse as Producers. The series is Co-Produced and Directed by Daina Reid and Written by Dave Warner and Justin Monjo.

The series stars Luke Arnold as Michael Hutchence, Ido Drent as Jon Farriss, Damon Herriman as CM Murphy, Nick Masters as Tim Farriss, Andy Ryan as Andrew Farriss, Hugh Sheridan as Garry Gary Beers and Alex Williams as Kirk Pengilly, with Georgina Haig as Paula Yates, Jane Harber as Michele, Samantha Jade as Kylie Minogue and Mallory Jansen as Helena Christensen.

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