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a film to rent from the hood video store was ular Friday night activose wanting a quiet home. But like VHS habit is dying out.

nists have predicted Australian video rental vill lose almost \$20 milenue this year and shed nt of its workers as the nting a movie declines. Gowan, senior analyst orld which has predicralia's growing and ustries for 2010, said rental industry had ecline for the past dechis year its prospects rticularly poor.

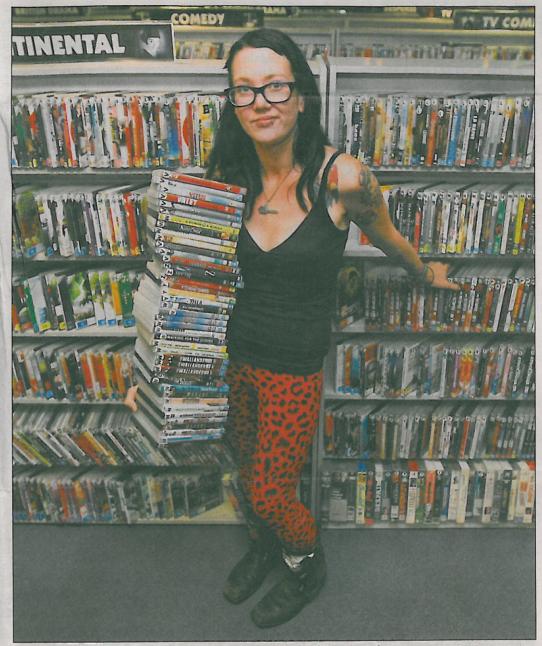
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Something different: Kate Dalton says Planet Video stocks hard-to-get movies.

Picture: Sandra Jackson

at Planet Video in Mt Lawley, said the store aimed to stock films that customers could not get elsewhere or online.

"We have a lot of stuff that other places do not have or can't get, such as foreign or independent films that are not released generally or cannot even be downloaded, so I think that will keep us safe for a while," she said. Planet Video owner Hayden Robinson said the demise of video rental had been screamed about for 15 years but it could still be a healthy business.

"But we have got to accept that we are up against it," Mr Robinson said.

"We sell CDs as well and we

are making plans for the future to bring in other things."

Analysts believe the sugar industry will have a booming year because of high prices, although they predicted jobs in the sector would fall by 1.5 per cent.

Oil and gas production, much of which is based in WA, will also have a big year.