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Message:

To: The Committee Secretary, JSCEM

Dear Sir,

Please accept this submission for the JSCEM's Inquiry into the 2007 Federal Election.

My wife & I left our home in Leichhardt, NSW in 1999 due to work commitments requiring some international exposure. This is considered almost essential "training" these days. Initially, we thought we would be returning within 3 years. We still own our home in Leichhardt and pay taxes. Our careers have grown; we have changed employers; we have a mortgage; we have good compensation packages. The market here in the USA is far bigger than that in Australia. We try and return to visit our family & friends every 2 years. Although we enjoy the life here, we really want to return to Australia at some point. Our jobs are local to the USA. The main difficulty in returning to Australia is leaving good jobs behind and having to start from scratch again back home. We keep up with local issues by reading the SMH newspaper online. We follow the local political issues and feel that we should be able to vote in our national elections. Because we have been away since 1999, we are no longer on the electoral roll.

We believe that with our strong links to home, we should be able to maintain our electoral privileges on an annual basis.

Thank you.