

Harrison, Grant (REPS)

From: Noble, Roger (REPS)
Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2002 8:59 AM
To: Harrison, Grant (REPS)
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Subject: FW: JSCOFADT Review

Grant,

See the attached response from Mr Page regarding your letter of 13/06/02 concerning the follow on review of Australia's Role in UN Reform. He covers issues surrounding the Australian National Commission for UNESCO and includes a number of recommendations. For your info/action.

regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Page [mailto:jamesmithpage@hotmail.com]
 Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2002 8:46 AM
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 Subject: Re: JSCOFADT Review

Dear Mr Noble,

I write briefly regarding the Review of Australia's relations with the United Nations, conducted by the JCSOFADT.

In the letter to me from Grant Harrison dated 13/6/02, an invitation was extended to me to update my earlier submission to the Review. Further to my earlier submission, I would like to suggest that there be a review of the operations of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO.

I do have an article about to be published in the September edition of the Australian Journal of Public Administration, entitled "The Australian National Commission for UNESCO: Some Proposals for Reform" - however in brief my suggestions include:

1. There be specific legislation for the National Commission - an Australian National Commission for UNESCO Act (apart from the current UNESCO Act).
2. The National Commission develop a Charter (this could be incorporated into the legislation, or at least alluded to in the legislation).
3. There be a wider membership of the Commission, including from the public and NGOs.
4. There be greater involvement by the National Commission in public programmes.
5. Funding for the Commission to be established by an independent body and to be established on a long-term basis.
6. The facilitation of UNESCO programmes within Australia become the responsibility of the Commission.

I would be pleased if you would put the above proposals before the Review for consideration.

Kind regards,

James Page.