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To: The Committee Secretary, JSCEM

Dear Sir,

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

Based upon the Southern Cross suggested template for submitting my voting experience, here is my contribution.

Overseas - 9 Years
Bradfield Electorate
Yearly visits to Australia - Family & Business
Information about Australian News via www.smh.com.au and audio streams of Triple J Radio

Last Voted in the recent federal election and have voted in all federal elections while overseas.

Upon checking <https://oevf.aec.gov.au> to verify my enrolment it returns an error however I have always been able to vote at the Australian Embassy in Berlin

The Australian Embassy in Berlin provides clear online information regarding voting times.

Staff are well informed, helpful and competent.

Conclusion: Overseas voting in the federal election works well in Germany. For State and local government elections I do not know how, when and where to vote. Perhaps an email list in which a citizen can enter their electorate and subsequently receive information in advance for voting in local, state and federal elections would be useful.

Best Regards
Christopher Jones