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To: The Committee Secretary, JSCEM

Dear Sir,

Please allow me to voice my opinion via this submission to the JSCEM's Inquiry into the 2007 Federal Election.

I have recently re-gained my Australian Citizenship through amendments regarding Section 18 (renounced Australian Citizenship) and am once again proud to call myself Australian. Even though I currently live outside Australia being an Australian to me should mean that I am given the privilege to actively participate in the electoral process. Yet, currently it's not possible for me to participate in the electoral process - which I see as unfair.

I believe that I can make a positive contribution by being allowed voting rights as I have very close ties with Australia, Australians and keep myself well informed of issues and events that concern Australia (locally and globally) - even though I don't currently live in Australia.

In this age of Australians being scattered around the world I would like to see provisions made to enable me and others in

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similar situations to be able to register for  
voting and participate in actual voting in  
Australian elections.

Thanking You.

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