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Dear All,

With respect to voting rights for overseas Australians, information regarding voting rights abroad can be easily communicated via:

Inclusion on standard travel advice for those departing Australian airports Included on Australian Embassy and DFAT websites, not to mention newsletters that go out to Australian citizens.

In 15 years living abroad, and registered with relevant Embassy, have never received any advice regarding voting rights, changes in legislation etc.

Further, as most personnel are locally employed, needs to be at Consul or Ambassador level direct "encouragement" to consider such issues for Australian citizens living locally.

Yours faithfully,

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