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To: The Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee
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Dear Sir,

This submission is in response to the JSCEM's invitation for public comment as part of its Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2001 Federal Election.

I am registered as an overseas voter (Victorian and federal election). In this regard I have a submission to make.

The current rules require an overseas registered voter to request a ballot paper to mailed AFTER the announcement of the election. The ballot is mailed out and then the filled ballot is to be mailed back. Unless the overseas voter is reading the announcements in the newspapers every day it is very likely that one might not be able to send in a request for a ballot paper on time.

I suggest that once a voter is registered as an overseas voter, the AEC should automatically mail out the ballot paper to the registered voter. Further, the web should be used increasingly to save time and money.