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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 have resided in the USA since September 1996, when I was asked by my Australian employer at the time to transfer to its New York office on an indefinite basis. At that time, in order to help establish tax residency status in the USA, I was advised by my tax advisor to remove myself from the Australian Electoral Roll. I was unaware at the time that in doing so I would be unable to place myself back on the roll without resuming residency in Australia.

My employment responsibilities keep me in New York and prevent me from resuming full time residency in Australia. I remain an Australian citizen, read Australian newspapers and news reports daily, and feel disenfranchised for not being in a position to once again place myself on the electoral roll from my position in the US. I have wanted to participate in elections during the past 6 years but am presently unable to do so.

I respectfully submit that the current rules and guidelines for individuals in my position be reviewed and amended so as to permit us to vote along with other Australian citizens in scheduled elections.

Sincerely,

Anthony Feo.