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From: Nicole Roberts
Sent: Thursday, 1 May 2008 4:40 AM
To: Committee, EM (REPS)
Subject: Submission

Message:

To: The Committee Secretary, JSCEM

Dear Sir,

Please accept this submission for the JSCEM's Inquiry into the 2007 Federal Election. I would like to have the current Australian electoral law, which prohibits thousands of expats from exercising their democratic right to vote as Australian citizens changed. Section 94A of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 stipulates that those who are not on the electoral roll may only enrol from abroad if it is less than three years since they left Australia to live abroad. I have been living abroad for nearly 5 years now and would like to vote in elections in Australia. Yours sincerely Nicole Roberts