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From: Emily Carr Sent: Wednesday, 30 April 2008 11:59 PM
To: Committee, EM (REPS)
Subject: Excluded from the voting roll

To: The Committee Secretary, JSCEM

Dear Sir,

Please accept this submission for the JSCEM's Inquiry into the 2007 Federal Election. I moved to the United States in 2004. Some time after this I attempted to vote in the 2004 election but there was an error in my application to do with my last recorded place of residence and I was later informed that I was not enrolled to vote. The following election, in 2007, I again attempted to enroll, but was told that I had been out of the country too long to get back on the electoral roll. I am an Australian journalist with very strong ties to Australia despite my current place of residence. I until recently headed the LA office for the American Australian Association. I was very upset that I was not permitted to vote in the 2007 Federal Election. Many others like me feel the same. Immediate steps should be taken to allow expats to get back on the electoral roll.