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To: The Committee Secretary, JSCEM

Dear Sir,

Please accept this submission for the JSCEM's Inquiry into the 2007 Federal Election.

I registered to vote after a long absence from Australia. The paperwork was received and that process was quite efficient.

Unfortunately I lost track of the deadline to submit my vote as an absentee from Australia. When I went to the web site, I saw to my dismay that the procedure was rather onerous, given my circumstance. I was working in London, resident in Brussels and unable to contact an embassy to submit a vote. I faxed my details to Canberra who responded very efficiently. All the same it was too late for me to submit my vote.

I would appreciate if I could go to my local Embassy and submit my vote, or process it through an Aussie Embassy where I am working at the time.

Had interested friends active in this arena not notified me of the various due dates, I would not even have known of the procedure to enrol. Some additional information at embassies on how to register would have been helpful.

Regards
Harry Mitchell