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Dear Committee Secretary

Submission made prior to deadline of 02 June 2006

I wish to set out a submission that the Australian Electoral law, policy and/or procedures need to be changed to make it easier for Australian living abroad to remain on the electoral roll, if they so wish.

Recently I tried to vote in the South Australian election held earlier this year. Both my wife and I sent of the postal vote application form and my wife received her ballot paper but I did not get one.

It appears that, although we believed we had both registered as overseas voters on the Australian electoral roll, for some very obscure reason, my wife was placed on the Federal, State and Local Government electoral rolls, whilst I was placed on the Federal Electoral Roll only and was not placed on either the State or Local Government electoral rolls.

I attach below some of the correspondence between myself and the AEC regarding this issue.

I would like to see some consistency of operation of the rules, so that if one wishes to be on the electoral roll, they should be placed on all three rolls as a matter of course.

Kind regards

Cllr Peter Morris