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Message:

**To:** The Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee  
on Electoral Matters  
Parliament House  
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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 am an Australian citizen and have been living in France for 22 years. During that time, I have not voted once...despite the fact that the Embassy in Paris has always been aware of my presence here in France (I have always indicated changes of address brought about by my husband's promotions; I have constantly re-newed my passport and those of my two Franco-Australian sons. I recently learned to my great surprise that I am not even on an electoral roll anywhere in Australia or France!!!

In a global community, Australians living abroad must vote on the issues which concern their country of origin and the world in general. Environmental issues, racial issues and international political issues concern us all and we should all vote on them as responsible citizens. Catherine Hautenaue

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