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To: The Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee  
on Electoral Matters  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
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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 hold an Australian passport - age 46.

I have lived overseas since 1993. Initially in London and from 1998 in California, USA. I left Australia for career/work reasons.

I live with my wife, who also holds an Australian passport, my son aged 6 (UK & Australian nationality) and my daughter aged 3 (US national).

We intend to return to Australia to live at the end of 2002.

I was previously on the electoral role in South Yarra, Victoria. My wife was I believe on the electoral role in Deakin, ACT. Neither my wife nor I are presently on an electoral role.

We would like to be able to enrol and vote as Australians, but are not eligible under the Electoral Act as currently in force.

I submit that the Electoral Act should be amended to provide that all Australian citizens have the right to vote - whether or not they are living in Australia at the time.

Regards  
Simon Yencken

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