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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 was unable to vote in the election as my name had been deleted from the electoral roll while overseas and, as I am now living in the UK, I have been unable to get back onto the roll. I have not been in Australia the required length of time to 'requalify' to vote.

As an Australian citizen, I am outraged that I cannot have a democratic say in the future of my country. I am raising a young (Australian) daughter here in the UK and there is every chance we will return to Australia as a family. To think that I am unable to have a say on how the country develops and is placed for her future disturbs me considerably.

Why is it not possible, as an Australian citizen, to apply from abroad to vote in a parliamentary election?

Many thanks for the opportunity to raise this issue.

Lynette Eyb