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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 am an Australian citizen, born in Perth and raised in Sydney. In 1990 I started to spend most of my time outside Australia. Now I live in the US.

In 1990, I was in India, and made a special day trip into Mumbai to vote in the election at the Australian Consulate. When I arrived at the consulate, I was told that the officer was out to lunch, and would be back in 30 minutes. Two hours later, he still had not returned, and I had to catch my train home. I believe that was the last time I had the opportunity to vote.

When I moved to the USA in 1991, I was not aware that I would lose voting privileges after a certain time. I am very disappointed that I no longer have the right to vote for the government of my homeland.

Thank you.