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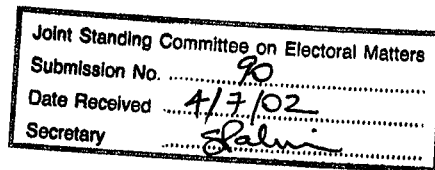
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Dear Sir,

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 have been living and working overseas for 10 years now and while I am away from home, home is never far from me.

It has been a consistent bone of contention that under the present system, my voice in the right to vote is lost.

The present system requires me to physically come to Australia for a certain period of time - to maintain my eligibility.

In today's global village - where information can be accessed easily it is no longer necessary to be in one place to get a good understanding of what is occurring in that place.

I am going to be travelling in Europe on work for the next month and wanted to get this in under the deadline.

However I do have more to say and will be placing a second submission in after I return.

We need to have the present system changed so that those who are outside the country can still have their voice heard.

It is paramount that we work to allow both the rights and obligations of citizenship to be accessed.