

Please accept this submission for the JSCEM's Inquiry into the 2010 Federal Election.

I am an Australian citizen living in the UK.

I have been living outside Australia since 1994.

I am not currently on the Commonwealth electoral roll.

My experiences with the Australian federal electoral system while offshore are as follows: When I first left Australia I was able to vote at the Australian High Commission. However, for various reasons I dropped off the electoral roll and have since been disenfranchised. I have tried twice to get back onto the roll after visits home to Australia but following letters from the electoral register my mother and grandmother inadvertently dropped me off the register again following correspondence from the electoral commission.

I have not tried a third time as I was home five years ago and it has since been impossible to re-register from overseas. Therefore I feel that despite being an active voter and passionate about the future of Australia, I struggle to stay on the electoral register despite being an Australian citizen. Therefore I believe Australians should be able to get onto the electoral register via the Australian High Commission in London.

best regards  
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