

Dear sirs,

I wish the following to be considered in relation to the present
Citizenship
changes.

My wife and I entered Australia about 15 months ago on Contributory Parent visas. We are both in our mid sixties, retired and in comfortable circumstances. The application process, fees, expenses and DIMIA requirements meant that we incurred costs of some \$70,000 to obtain the privilege of permanent Australian residence and we are presently contributing in the order of \$150,000 per year in personal taxes. We were looking forward to being eligible for citizenship a couple of years after arrival.

The proposed increase in the residence requirement to three years would not be
life-threatening, but upsetting nonetheless.

If this increase were to be in any way effective in preventing
undesirables
gaining citizenship, or in preventing terrorist activities, then we could accept its necessity. However, we are far from convinced that another year would have any effect whatsoever other than making life more difficult for the vast majority - the law abiding prospective citizen.

We ask that the commission reconsider this measure.

Yours faithfully,

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