

Dear Committee Secretary,

As discussed this pm with Jo Kummrow of the LIV we set out the following issues that we intend to raise in our submission on the ACB 2005:

1. The increased period of residence required before application; we intend to submit that the existing 2 year period is sufficient to meet the objectives of the Citizenship Act (ie integrity equity etc). Further that the purpose of this amendment should reflect the important decision of taking up citizenship of a country, which for some means renouncing the citizenship of the country of their birth.

2. LIV particularly concerned with increased ministerial discretion under the Bill and how this would be applied. It is intended that we will highlight our view that the need for such decisions to require written reasons and to be reviewable. We do not agree with expanding ministerial discretion under the Bill for the purposes of being able to influence the application of law through Government policy.

Regards

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