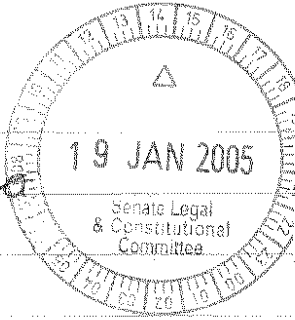


Jacques Bugeja



Malta.

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Jacques Bugeja and I am a 13 year old student. I am the son of an Australian born citizen

I feel that I am a Australian citizen because first of all my mother was born in Australia and lived there for eighteen (18) years whilst my grandparents lived in Australia for over twenty (20) years. Secondly because I have very close relatives living there and when they come to Malta, they bring a lot of souvenirs with them so our house is full of Australian items that I treasure. With them they also bring stories and photos. Because they come and we ring often the contact between us is very strong. I have relatives from both sides mostly from my mother's side who have been living in Australia for over forty-five (45) years. I have relatives in Perth and Victoria. In fact although I am a citizen of the European Union I have never thought about going to another European country such as United Kingdom, Italy, France, Germany etc.

I attend school at De la Salle Collage wich is a catholic school. Now I am in the third year of High School and this year I am looking forward to choose two main subjects which my future depends on. As my parents are presently investing in my education here in Malta as a future citizen I can offer Australia my future career as well as my

European cultural background. Whereas Australia is a big country and the birthrate is very low, it (Australia) could benefit a lot.

If I go to live in Australia the experiences I have from Malta as its History, traditions and the Maltese language. Since I am a student and have the intentions to keep on studying till I graduate from the University of Malta it is an experience that I can share with other Australian citizens.

There are lots of things to gain by being Australian. The price of land over there is much more cheaper than in Malta. In Malta it is going to be very hard to find a job and sometimes you can even end up without a job. In Australia the population isn't that of a problem. Over here it is too much crowded. In Australia I can live in a better environment by enjoying forests, rivers, mountains and the many different species of flora and fauna.

When you take all the above into consideration I think Australia could lose if I am denied the Australian Citizenship. If my mum was not made to renounce her Australian citizenship I would have my citizenship by descent.

Please include me in the Australian Citizenship Bill.

Jacques Bugeja