

Alain Bugija

Hi, my name is Alain Bugija aged 15 years old and I am a son of an Australian born Maltese who lived in Australia for 18 years, and my grandparents lived there for over 20 years. Australia means a lot to us especially when it comes to family.

Most of my mother's family live all across Australia including Melbourne and Perth. My father also has two of his sisters living in Melbourne with their children. We also have best friends who live in Sydney who used to live in Malta. Due to the fact that our family and friends visit Malta frequently and because of my mother's experience of her childhood in Australia, I believe that part of me is Australian.

I go to a private school and I am studying Accounts and Economics and this year I am going to do my GCSE's at Ordinary level (F.A.H. Form level). By means of this I am willing to complete my business studies at Advanced level and at University. Australia is a MEDE (More economically developed country) so I could study at a higher level over there.

Because of low unemployment in Australia I feel there are better job opportunities. Australia has a good standard of living too. Shown through research, Australia offers more jobs in the tertiary industries (Services) which include business and finance.

Australia has 20 people per  $\text{km}^2$  while Malta has approximately 1250 people per  $\text{km}^2$  so the difference in population density is very high. Due to less population density Australia has very important advantages to the country. Unlike Malta, Australia

has no problems of developing new land so the premises are much cheaper than those of Malta. In Malta a large problem which accumulates, the future is that new couples who try to purchase a house hold of their own cannot afford a decent house.

Australia also offers a large amount of wildlife, way above those of Malta. Therefore more parks and zoos for everyone are available.

I speak both English and Maltese which may help when dealing with a lot of Maltese immigrants who are living in Australia.

I hope you respond to my letter and wish I can also get my citizenship of Australia.