

**Sent:** Sunday, 1 July 2007 6:11 PM

**To:** Legal and Constitutional, Committee (SEN)

**Subject:** Senate Inquiry into Australian Expatriates

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write this letter as a plea for the Australian Government to change its decision and to allow the people who grew and were educated in Australia but for a variety of reasons now live overseas to return to Australia to live. These people are ineligible to reside here as they failed to take up Australian citizenship prior to leaving this country.

My sister is one of these people; she was brought to Australia at the age of four and completed her education here. Our parents for reasons we shall never fully understand returned to the UK with us four children in tow. Fortunately for my younger sister and myself we were born here so we have Australian citizenship but my older sister and brother do not have the same fortune as us. Our family is now divided my younger sister and I live here with our families and my elder sister and brother live in the UK. My older sister in particular would love to be reunited with us. She has worked hard all of her life and is financially comfortable but does not have this half of her family to love and enjoy on a regular basis.

It is for the above reason that I ask the Government of Australia to consider changing its decision and to enable our family to be reunited and live in what is the best country in the world.

Thank you for your time.

Jo Agar