

The Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia

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Submission to inquiry into Australian Expatriates

Dear Sir/Madam

I was born in Liverpool Sydney on the 2nd of July 1975.

My Father along with my mother migrated to Australia from Malta in 1971.

My Family moved back to malta in 1976 I was only 10 Months old.

I had to decide on my 18th birthday between Australian and Maltese

Citizenship. I opted for Maltese Citizenship in order to get work, finance and social benefits I had to do it.

I would rather have kept both but I could'nt.

I Still Have lots of relatives in australia and since then I ve been twice ones on a working holiday and the on a holiday. I still fell I am Australian although I was there for a short time.

I note that Australian law changed with effect from 1 July 2002 to allow people who renounced their Citizenship in order to retain another citizenship to apply to resume their Australian citizenship up to the age of 25 years. However this is no good for me as I was over the age of 25 on 1st July 2002.

I thankyou for this opportunity to contribute to the work of your Committee in this Inquiry.

Yours Faithfully

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