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The Secretary,  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
Room S1.61, Parliament House  
Canberra. ACT 2600  
Australia.

Dear Sir/Madam,

## Australian Diaspora

I am an Australian: residing in Canada for the past 28-year (1975), I moved to Canada because of my wife's health, she was a diabetic who had trouble keeping her diabetic condition under control. After carrying out considerable research and discussing matter with my wife's specialist we decided to move to Canada as it was, at that time, the leading country in the world in relation to diabetics. Unfortunately my wife passed away before any new treatment could be administered. In 1980 I remarried a Canadian girl and settled in Calgary, Alberta.

I have always regarded myself as an Australian even though I took out Canadian citizenship. At the time of becoming a Canadian citizen I was unaware that I would lose my Australian citizenship. I never at any stage renounced my Australian citizenship nor was I requested to do so. Before leaving Australia I resided there of 44 years as a citizen, I paid taxes, I was the owner of several companies, I carried out numerous contracts for the Australian department of Works and obtained security clearance from the Defense Department that allowed me entry to various secure sites.

I met with citizens of other countries, such as Britain, and was surprised to find that Australia was one of a few countries that did not allow dual citizenship.

Regardless of this fact: I have always represented myself as an Australian and have managed to support my country of birth in many ways. I would like at this stage to qualify the various ways in which I have supported my country of birth:

- In 1977 I was appointed to the position as Vice President of Phillips Brothers Land Development Ltd and Trans World Oil and Gas Ltd. Both companies owned by Mr. Joseph Philips an American living in Calgary – I was responsible for drilling numerous oil & gas wells, Project Managing the construction of a gas plant and associated gathering system. I put together a program for the

development of the Energy Resources Conservation Board office building, Owned by Phillips and leased to the ERCB for 25 years – this building, at the time, was the most energy proficient high rise office building in Calgary and also the most secure, due to a legal requirement for the ERCB to maintain confidential information on oil & gas company records. At all times I represented myself as an Australian and was known as an Australian.

- In 1979 I became President of Spray Lakes Ski Resort – a company that provided planning services to the Calgary Olympic Development Association – work carried out by SLSR was instrumental in Calgary becoming the successful bidder for the 1988 Winter Olympic Games.
- In 1983 I was invited to move to Utah, by Richard D. Bass, owner of Vale Ski Area in Colorado and owner of Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, located in the Wasatch Mountain Range near Salt Lake City, Utah. I worked first as a consultant, then because I was able to get permits approved, in a record 6 months, I agreed to accept the position as President of Snowbird Development Corporation. In this position I was responsible for development of a 1983 U.S.\$85 million expansion to this world-class resort. In my capacity as President I traveled to Switzerland where I negotiated financing for the project. I added some unique aspects to the project such as the development of an underground power and pump station, located in an old silver mine, and a cogeneration plant that made the resort 60% energy self sufficient. I represented Snowbird before the Utah State House of Representatives and Senate and was successful in arranging the passage of 6 pieces of legislation to allow the development project to be successful. For my work in this arena I was recognized by the Utah Governor, Norman Bangerter, and received the Governors Award for Innovative Energy Development – My work was recognized by the United States Government – Department of Energy and I became the recipient of the Award for Energy Innovation – 1986. I received recognition, as an Australian, in several newspapers and through the media.
- I represented Salt Lake City as Vice President Technical for the city's Winter Olympic Games bid.
- I represented on the Salt Lake County Canyon Planning Commission.
- I represented on the Governors Utility Deregulation Committee.
- I introduced Australia's Consul General – Basil Teasey to the State Legislature and later his replacement John Kelso.
- I wrote draft legislation that resulted in Australia being recognized by the Utah Government at a ceremony celebrating Australia's 200-year anniversary January 26<sup>th</sup> 1988 – the Australian Flag was flown alongside the United States Flag on the Legislative Building and Australia was declared a friend of the State of Utah.
- On completion of my contract with Snowbird I commenced Energies Strategies Inc., a Utah company carrying out various energy projects throughout the United States.
- In 1999 I sold my interest in ESI and returned to Calgary where I continued consulting work on projects in the Peoples Republic of China, South Korea and the United States.
- I have been accepted as an Expert Witness before the Alberta Court of Queens Bench
- I received a plaque of Recognition from the Canadian Institute of Energy.

- I was appointed a Life Member of the United States Association of Energy Engineers.
- A Charter Member of the United States Environmental Engineers and Managers
- A Charter Member of the United States Demand Side Management Society
- A Charter Member of the Energy Services Marketing Society of the United States.
- I am a Certified Cogeneration Professional.

I returned to Calgary because my Son, Daughter in Law and Grandson live there along with my wife's family. I retired in 2001 due to two episodes with cancer. I am listed as a 2-time cancer survivor.

I am a certified ski instructor in Canada and the U.S. and I run the Aussi Team Tennis League at the Riverside Club in Calgary.

Since my retirement I have written 2 books on Australia (Copyright registered with the Library of Congress) I also have written technical papers that are available from the Library of Congress and have been guest speaker at numerous conferences.

On several occasions I have been asked to provide itineraries to Canadians visiting Australia and I promote Australian interests when ever possible.

Australian Consul General John Kelso (California) wrote to the Australian Consul General in Canada about 1989 suggesting that I be appointed as Australia's representative to Calgary and Western Canada, however I was informed at the time that Australia had no policy regarding this type of appointment.

I understand and accept that the above list of accomplishments may sound like fiction, I have therefore taken the liberty of attaching a small selection of letters verifying my activities, these letters were unsolicited by me and are from politicians and business associates with whom I have worked.

I meet with a number of Australian expatriates both in private life and on the Canadian Ski Patrol System on which I spent some 10-years as a volunteer and Senior Examiner. I received several recognition awards from this organization.

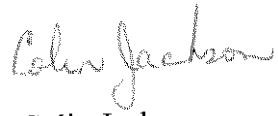
I feel strongly that all Australians I meet are loyal representatives of Australia, whether they retain recognition as Australian Citizens or not. It would, in my opinion, be a mistake for the Australian Government to fail to recognize her sons of birth as patriotic Australians and afford them the comfort of being able to represent Australia as patriots.

Almost all Australians who reside for any length of time in foreign countries develop financial independence and as such they do not become a drain on Australian financial resources, therefore, the Australian Government should recognize their citizens abroad for the good will that they develop on behalf of their country of birth.

In my case I was unaware that I would lose my citizenship, however, even if the Australian Government fails to recognize the valuable asset that exists amongst

expatriates; I for one will never abandon the love and loyalty I have for my wonderful country of birth.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colin Jackson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Dr. A. Colin Jackson.

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