

Southern Cross Group Third Supplementary Submission

**Selection of Comments Received by the Southern Cross Group
following Citizenship Policy Changes Announced on 7 July 2004**

This is WONDERFUL news. It looks like, in due course, my son will be able to register as a citizen by descent. I am so happy and his 82-year-old grandfather, who was a WWII RAAF Lancaster pilot and awarded the DFC. is thrilled that his only grandson will soon be Australian.

Thank you all so very much for all your hard work and lobbying.

Stephanie F, United Kingdom

Since I received your e-mail notification about the upcoming reforms to the citizenship law, I haven't stopped smiling like a Cheshire cat! I am absolutely thrilled.

...I am not at all surprised that it may take at least a year to enact the reforms. I don't mind one bit. It'll be one of the happiest moments of my life when I get to swear my allegiance to Australia and am granted the privilege to resume my Australian citizenship, and I don't mind waiting another year or two. It's just fantastic to have that to look forward to.

I really can't thank you and your group enough for everything you've done to promote these important changes. I've never in my heart stopped feeling I was an Australian, and I am just grateful that I should soon have the opportunity to have it recognized by the government, as well as the chance to live there again (God willing!) and contribute to Australia. I am hoping to return to Australia within a year of getting my passport.

Thank you again, so much! Wow, I never expected when I was writing my original e-mail to you that mere weeks later I would have so much to celebrate!

Matthew L, Canada

A year ago I spoke to you regarding resumption of citizenship. My prospects for resumption looked bleak. I lost my citizenship under Section 17. I've read in your e-mail that I can now resume citizenship without the three-year intention to return. Is this true? I'm afraid to start to believe it and need someone from the Southern Cross Group to tell me it is so. My daughter lost her citizenship with me. Will she be okay now? It really did break my heart and I'm so excited. I've just turned 60 and it would be the best birthday present I could have.

Anne B, Canada

At last! Good work and well done to everyone at the SCG. Keep at it!

Peter J, Singapore

My daughter lost her citizenship when I lost, but I've always been too ashamed to tell her that she's no longer an Australian citizen. I was completely shocked when I found out she was no longer Australian either. Now I hope I'll be able to put things right for her.

Jonathon S, USA

Thank you so much for all your efforts on behalf of us Australian-born Maltese. I hope we can sort out what's going to happen to our children. It will be a great day for me when I get by lost citizenship back.

Alphonso B, Malta