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Subject: OVERSEAS AUSTRALIANS' RIGHT TO VOTE

Dear Committee

I am an Australian resident working as a locally employed staff member in an Australian Embassy in Europe. I am responsible for the promotion of Australian culture in order to enhance Australia's profile as a culturally and technologically sophisticated, innovative and dynamic nation. In order to fulfil my responsibilities I closely follow Australian news and current affairs. I have input into certain policy decisions pertaining to my sector and region in Europe. My daily business is to talk about Australia, I am passionate about Australia, I think I have a better grasp on important issues in Australia than many Australian residents.

Yet I am not qualified to vote.

Harriet O'Malley

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