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Dear Sir,

This submission is in response to the JSCEM's invitation for public comment as part of its Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2001 Federal Election. I am an Australian citizen with an Australian passport. My entire family is still living in Australia and I have visited them on a regular basis. My son I registered at birth for Citizenship by descent. He is rather proud of his Australian citizenship. I am also a member of The American Australian Association here in New York. This helps me retain contacts with other Australians and to participate in activities that mirror major Australian sporting and social events. With the internet I can access Australian news and events and this I do on a daily basis. I have not voted since I left as I was not informed that I could and no one at the Australian consulate ever offered this information. I suggest that anyone holding Australian passports whether living in Australia or overseas should be able to vote in elections in their co!

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