

**Read, Shane (REPS)**

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**From:** Catherine Mary Elizabeth Rawson [rawsonsinrio@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 July 2002 1:55 AM  
**To:** JSCEM@aph.gov.au  
**Cc:** rawsonsinrio@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Submission

From: Catherine Mary Elizabeth Rawson  
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Message:

To: The Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee  
on Electoral Matters  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Australia

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Thank you,  
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## **Palmieri, Sonia (REPS)**

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**From:** Palmieri, Sonia (REPS) on behalf of Committee, EM (REPS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 July 2002 2:51 PM  
**To:** 'Catherine Mary Elizabeth Rawson'  
**Subject:** RE: Submission

Dear Ms Rawson

Thank you for your email. We are happy to accept this as a submission. Should you have an opportunity to provide the Committee with further details of your experience, these could be forwarded on to us as "supplementary submissions".

Thank you again,  
Sonia Palmieri  
Inquiry Secretary

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