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Message:

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

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.

Unlike, I suppose, many Australians, I was fortunate enough to consider the overseas voting situation before leaving Australia. I was able to vote in the last election via the Australian embassy in Washington DC.

As I recall, however, if I were to miss (not notice?) an election, I'd lose the ability to vote in subsequent elections until I returned to Australia. While I monitor the newspapers over the internet & it's quite likely that I would notice an election coming up, it seems like it would be quite easy to miss... I'd be more comfortable if that restriction wasn't there.

Regards,

Paul Mclachlan