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To: The Committee Secretary, JSCEM

Dear Sir,

Please accept this submission for the JSCEM's Inquiry into the 2007 Federal Election.

I have been living in the USA since 1987. I married a Yank, and you can't fight true love.

I have never taken US citizenship, because I can't bring myself to say, "I'm not Australian." It would be a lie. I am proudly Aussie.

I have family still in Australia, mother three brothers and a sister, various nephews and nieces, uncles and aunts and cousins. I visit about every two years.

I can't vote here in the USA, because they call me an Alien, and say it's not my business. Up to the present, The Aussie government said I can't vote there because I'm a non-resident, so it's not my business.

Where should I vote? Where my heart is or where I pay my taxes?

The last time I voted was in Ku-Ring-Gai in Sydney, in the election before 1987.

I read the ABC news on the Internet every day, and keep up with the cricket on Cricinfo and Baggy Green. Luckily, I have a couple of Indian friends here I can talk cricket with. And I can get Vegemite off the Internet, a great web business called Simply Australian. My wife loves John Williamson and Vegemite. A pretty good Yank.

Am I Fair Dinkum enough for you? Then let me vote.

David Sheppard