

## QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

Candidate's name

SALLY SITOU

Please fill out this checklist.

Be aware that completing this checklist does not guarantee that you are eligible to be elected under section 44 of the Australian Constitution or under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

If you have any doubts about your eligibility, you should seek independent legal advice.

If you provide information in this checklist that you know is false or misleading, you may commit an offence against the *Criminal Code* with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 12 months, \$12,600 or both.

You must answer every question in the checklist that has check boxes by marking one, and only one, of the boxes provided. Your nomination will be rejected if you do not mark any of the boxes, or if you mark more than one of the boxes, provided for any of these questions.

Please provide supporting documentation as appropriate. You may provide additional documents if you are unable to fit all your responses in this checklist.

Note: If you answer 'yes' in question 10 then you **must provide at least one document** in response to question 10a.

You should not include information in this checklist, or in any additional documents you provide, that is inappropriate in any way. If you do, the information may be redacted by the Electoral Commissioner and not published on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.

You may choose to redact information (for example, your own or another person's personal information) from additional documents before providing them. Redactions must be in accordance with any directions of the Electoral Commissioner.

The candidate statement and declaration that you have made elsewhere in this nomination also relate to your eligibility to be elected. In that statement and declaration:

- (a) you have declared that you are qualified under the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth to be elected as a Senator or member of the House of Representatives; and
- (b) you have stated that you are an Australian citizen.

Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory

1. Do you know the place of birth of each of your parents and grandparents (whether biological or adoptive)?\*

<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO

- 1a. Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the place of birth of a parent or grandparent):

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of your parents' and grandparents' places of birth

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 1a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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2. Do you have a parent or grandparent that you know was born in another country? This may be a biological or adoptive parent or grandparent.\*

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' places of birth, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 2a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) **MOTHER**

Place of Birth **LAOS**

Date of Birth / / 1956

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) **FATHER**

Place of Birth **LAOS**

Date of Birth / / 1945

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) **MATERNAL GRANDFATHER**

Place of Birth **CHINA**

Date of Birth / / 1924

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) **MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER**

Place of Birth **CHINA**

Date of Birth / / 1927

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) **PATERNAL GRANDFATHER**

Place of Birth **CHINA**

Date of Birth / / 1920

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) **PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER**

Place of Birth **CHINA**

Date of Birth / / 1922

- 2b. Please provide any other relevant details:

Other relevant details relating to your parents' and grandparents' places and dates of birth

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 2a and 2b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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3. Have you provided details in question 2a in relation to each parent and grandparent that you know was born in another country?\*

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' places of birth, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 3a. If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each parent and grandparent that you know was born in another country

4. Do you know which citizenships have been held by each of your parents and grandparents (whether biological or adoptive)?\*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO

- 4a. Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the citizenships held at a particular time by a particular parent or grandparent):

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of your parents' and grandparents' citizenships

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 4a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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5. Do you have a parent or grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country by descent, naturalisation or other means? This may be a biological or adoptive parent or grandparent. \*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' citizenship, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

- 5a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	<b>MOTHER</b>	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	<b>FATHER</b>
Country of foreign citizenship	<b>LAOS</b>	Country of foreign citizenship	<b>LAOS</b>
Period foreign citizenship held		Period foreign citizenship held	
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	<b>MATERNAL GRANDFATHER</b>	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	<b>MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER</b>
Country of foreign citizenship	<b>CHINA</b>	Country of foreign citizenship	<b>CHINA</b>
Period foreign citizenship held		Period foreign citizenship held	
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	<b>PATERNAL GRANDFATHER</b>	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	<b>PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER</b>
Country of foreign citizenship	<b>CHINA</b>	Country of foreign citizenship	<b>CHINA</b>
Period foreign citizenship held		Period foreign citizenship held	

- 5b. Please provide any other relevant details:

Other relevant details relating to your parents' and grandparents' foreign citizenships

Until 1990, the Lao legal system did not have any law in place regarding Lao nationality. Between 1975 and 1989, there were no laws in the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the country operated by Communist Party decree.

In the event my parents held Lao nationality, my parents would have lost it when they left Lao without a permit to come to Australia in 1978. See attached advice.

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 5a and 5b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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6. Have you provided details in question 5a in relation to each parent and grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country by descent, naturalisation or other means?\*

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' citizenship, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 6a. If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each parent and grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country

7. Do you know which citizenships have been held by each of your current and former spouses and similar partners?\*

(If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 7a. Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the particular citizenships held at a particular time by a current or former spouse or similar partner):

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of the citizenships of your current and former spouses and similar partners

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 7a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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8. Do you have a current or former spouse or similar partner who you know is or was a citizen of another country? \*

(If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, or you do not know the citizenship of any of your current or former spouses or similar partners, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 8a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you  
(e.g. wife or former de facto partner) SPOUSE

Country of foreign citizenship CHINA

Was foreign citizenship held at the time  
of marriage (if applicable)?

Relationship to you  
(e.g. wife or former de facto partner)

Country of foreign citizenship

Was foreign citizenship held at the time  
of marriage (if applicable)?

- 8b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, whether you acquired foreign citizenship because of a spouse's foreign citizenship):

Other relevant details relating to your current or former spouse's or similar partner's foreign citizenship

My spouse is no longer a Chinese citizen, having relinquished it upon becoming an Australian citizen. In any event, I have never taken any steps to acquire Chinese citizenship through my spouse and nor could I given that (i) my spouse is not a Chinese citizen and (ii) even if he were, China does not allow dual citizenship

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 8a and 8b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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9. Have you provided details in question 8a in relation to each current or former spouse or similar partner that you know is or was a citizen of another country?\*

(If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, or you do not know the citizenship of any of your current or former spouses or similar partners, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 9a. If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each current or former spouse or similar partner that you know is or was a citizen of another country

10. Have you ever been a subject or citizen of any country other than Australia?\*

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	UNKNOWN

- 10a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Country of foreign  
citizenship

Manner in which foreign  
citizenship was lost  
(if applicable)

Date of losing foreign  
citizenship (if applicable)      : /      /

\* [If you contend that you have renounced or lost your foreign citizenship, you **must provide at least one document** that you are satisfied supports your contention. (The document may be an official document, or if you have no official document, a statutory declaration.) This will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

- 10b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, how you lost your foreign citizenship, or why the response to question 10 is unknown):

Other relevant details relating to the loss of your foreign citizenship

On 21 December 2021, I obtained legal advice confirming that, not only am I not a citizen of Laos currently, I have never been a citizen of Laos.

[In addition to the requirement to provide at least one document mentioned under question 10a, please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any other details provided in response to questions 10a and 10b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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11. Are you now a subject or citizen of any country other than Australia?\*

☐ YES  
☒ NO  
☐ UNKNOWN

11a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Country of foreign  
citizenship

Date of acquiring  
foreign citizenship      /      /

Country of foreign  
citizenship

Date of acquiring  
foreign citizenship      /      /

11b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, why you are prevented from renouncing your foreign citizenship, or why the response to question 11 is unknown):

Other relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(i) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to questions 11a and 11b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

12. Are you under sentence or subject to be sentenced, for an offence for which you have been convicted, which is punishable by imprisonment for one year or longer? \*

☐ YES  
☒ NO

NOTE: A person convicted of an offence with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for one year or longer may be disqualified even if the sentence imposed on the person for the offence is less than the maximum penalty.

12a. If 'yes', please provide any relevant details:

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(ii) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 12a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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13. Are you an undischarged bankrupt or insolvent? \*

☐ YES  
☒ NO

13a. If 'yes', please provide any relevant details:

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(iii) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 13a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

14. Do you hold an office of profit under the Crown, other than an office expressly exempt from section 44(iv) of the Australian Constitution? \*

(Offices of profit under the Crown include, for example, many public sector jobs in Australia.)

☐ YES  
☒ NO  
☐ UNKNOWN

14a. Please provide any relevant details, to the extent known (for example, the relevant body in which you hold the office of profit and your role, or why the response to question 14 is unknown):

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(iv) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 14a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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15. Do you have a direct or indirect financial interest in any contract or other agreement with the Commonwealth public service?\*

☐ YES  
☒ NO  
☐ UNKNOWN

Do not count an interest that is expressly excluded from section 44(v) of the Australian Constitution, such as a shareholding in a company that has 25 or more other shareholders.

NOTE: Section 44(v) may disqualify you even if you are not a party to the relevant contract or agreement. A disqualifying financial interest may arise, for example, from an agreement between the Commonwealth public service and a trustee of a family trust of which you are a beneficiary.

- 15a. Please provide any relevant details, to the extent known (for example, your direct or indirect financial interests, or why the response to question 15 is unknown):

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(v) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 15a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

16. Please provide any additional details relating to your qualification under the Australian Constitution or the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*:

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 16. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

**I confirm the information in the checklist provided above, and any additional information provided in support of my statements, to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature of candidate

Date

01/04/25

Our Ref: AUSTRA.21.0390



23 December 2021

Ms Sally Sitou

By email only: [REDACTED]

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Dear Sally,

We write in relation to your request that we investigate and advise you on your citizenship status.

We have received a copy of the following documents from you:

- your birth certificate evidencing you were born in NSW at The Liverpool Hospital;
- your Australian passport Document No. [REDACTED];
- your father's Certificate of Australian Citizenship dated August 1982;
- your mother's Certificate of Australian Citizenship dated July 1982;
- your father's Administration of Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Australia dated November 1982; and
- your mother's Administration of Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Australia dated November 1982.

You have also advised us that your parents left Lao without a permit.

Based on the above and in consideration of information provided by the Embassy of the Lao PDR in Canberra (a copy of which is **attached** to this letter), we advise that your parents lost their Lao nationality when they left Lao in the nineteen seventies.

As such, we advise that you were born without Lao nationality.

That being said, even in the event that your parents somehow retained their Lao nationality when they left, pursuant to all subsequent Lao law<sup>1</sup>, they would have lost it when they became Australian citizens on 11 November 1982 because Lao law does not allow for dual citizenship.

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<sup>1</sup> The Law on Lao Nationality 1990; The Law on Lao Nationality 2004; Law on Lao Nationality 2017.

Applying this principle and because you obtained Australian citizenship *jus soli* (by birth) by virtue of section 10 of the *Australian Nationality and Citizenship Law 1948* which was in operation at the time, you were born an Australian citizen only.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require any further information.

Kind regards

Katie Wren

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Legal Practitioner No. 5512446



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**From:** [Embassy of the Lao PDR Canberra](#)  
**To:** [Katie Wren](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Citizenship Enquiry - My Reference: AUSTRA.21.0390  
**Date:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 11:13:53 AM  
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Dear Katie Wren,

Warm greetings from the Embassy  
of the Lao PDR in Canberra.

My apology for not being able to get back to your email sooner than now.  
Furthering to your email, I wish  
to explain to you that according to Article 25, Chapter 4 of the Law on Lao  
Nationality, issued on 01 November 2017, a Lao national who has been resided  
abroad for more than 7 years and has not been administered by/registered with  
the Lao Embassy and has no legal relations with the Lao PDR for more than 10  
years shall lose his/her Lao nationality.

In response to your inquiry  
about your client who was born in Australia and has lived with his parents here  
in Australia. If your client and his parents travelled to Australia without a  
permit from the Lao PDR or with an authorization to stay overseas that has  
already been expired many years ago and they have never been in contact with or  
registered with the Lao Embassy will be considered as a person without Lao  
Nationality.

An applicant who wishes to  
reapply for Lao citizenship must further provide proof of previous Lao  
citizenship (ID card, Family Registration Book, etc....)

If the applicant is interested  
to know more information, they are welcome to contact the Embassy  
directly.

I hope this information will be  
of your interest.

Kind regards,

Embassy

(Consular Officer)