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Dear Senator Macdonald

Submissions for the inquiry into my private Senator's Bill to strengthen the commitments for Australian Citizenship and other measures will close at 5pm tomorrow. In addition to submissions which require the name and address of the person making the submission, the Committee has sought the opinion of the Australian public via an online poll. I have grave concerns related to the legitimacy of this poll due to evidence I have seen that indicates it has been hijacked by foreign national voters.

It is imperative that the Australian public is made aware that the way this poll was conducted has meant that a number of organizations, groups and individuals, some international, so effective in making submissions the last time a citizenship bill was considered, have campaigned heavily to promote the no vote. They have done this by using social media and news websites to urge people from around the world to vote against any strengthening of citizenship requirements, as well as to vote multiple times.

I have included clear evidence of this in an email to the committee, along with this letter. A fact which I believe should be made clear if the result of this poll is published.

The evidence I have provided is by no means exhaustive and I urge the committee to look into this further.

While acknowledging that it is the prerogative of the Committee to accede to this, I request that this letter be published on the Committee's website so that the people of Australia know of the efforts by certain sections of the community to interfere with the legitimate outcome of the poll and the decision of the Committee. I also strongly urge the committee to disregard this poll, whatever the outcome, because clearly it cannot be considered a reflection of the opinion of Australian citizens alone.

If the intention of this poll was to gauge the sentiment of the Australian public towards my citizenship reforms it has clearly failed.

I will be available to discuss this matter at a forthcoming meeting of the Committee.

Yours sincerely
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