

Please accept this submission for the JSCEM's Inquiry into the 2010 Federal Election.

I am an Australian citizen living in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

I have been living outside Australia since May of 1975.

I am not currently on the Commonwealth electoral roll. I would like to be able to register in the jurisdiction I was living when I last lived in Australia. I have family and reside with them when I visit Australia.

My experiences with the Australian federal electoral system while offshore are as follows: I feel disenfranchised and denied my rights as an Australian Citizen. I see no reason why I cannot register my voting preferences at the local Toronto Trade Commission.

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