

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

I am an Australian citizen currently living in Hong Kong.

I have been living outside Australia since 2001.

I am not currently on the Commonwealth electoral roll due to the 3 year time limit for re-enroling when outside Australia.

My experiences with the Australian federal electoral system while offshore are as follows: I applied to take my name off the Australian electoral roll at the time of leaving Australia due to no longer having a permanent address in Australia. I now have two investment properties in Australia and I have every intention of returning to live and work in Australia in the future should the correct career opportunities arise for me.

I was born and raised in Australia.

I am a holder of an Australian passport.

I submit an Australian tax return annually.

I strongly believe that I should have the right to secure my future and also look after my investments at home through being able to vote in the elections.

Please consider a revocation of the 3 year time limit and allow Australian passport holders to vote for the future of their country.