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Dear Sir,

This submission is in response to the JSCem's invitation for public comment as part of its Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2001 Federal Election.

I moved to Denmark in July 2001 for work related reasons. I will be away from Australia for an indefinite period but I have no intention of taking up another citizenship.

When I wished to notify the Electoral Commission of my intention to move I rang for some advice. The person I spoke to seemed very vague about what should be done and ended up telling me to submit a "change of address" with my overseas address.

I later discovered that my address wasn't changed and I still appeared on the electoral roll, registered at my old address. I rang the Electoral Office again and was told that I needed an address within Australia.

This seems very odd to me as I don't reside there. I had to give a relative's address so that I could keep my voting rights.

I voted via the Danish Embassy in the last Federal election but I really have no idea if my vote was valid because I have no confirmation that my Electoral address is, in fact, my relative's address.

I would like better access to information about my electoral status/details and I would like information sent directly to me at my present residential address, instead of having to rely on my relative's good will to pass any information on.

Yours sincerely
Leah Quinn

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