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To: The Committee Secretary, JSCEM

Dear Sir,

Please accept this submission for the JSCEM's Inquiry into the 2007 Federal Election.

In 1993 the Streather family (myself, my wife and three young children) moved to Switzerland to take up a job offer that I just could not afford to refuse.

Within a month of arrival we received a card from the Federal Electoral Commission striking us from the electoral role. We remain proud Australians, still carry Aussie passports and will never become Swiss citizens. This is just a convenient place to live and work for the time being, yet we have been completely disenfranchised from our homeland. When we come home we are allowed to enter as visitors. Here in Switzerland we are stateless. No democratic rights here and none at home.

Whilst we have become accustomed to the situation all those like us believe that Australia is a little poorer when so many carry the flag, but are disowned by their homeland.

I am sure this submission will mean nothing to those who say we have deserted our homeland for greener pastures.

However in reality there are over 500,000 free of charge Aussie Ambassadors who live, work and promote our nation, sadly nobody seems to care.

I am a published author with five major works already published and sold worldwide. I promote Australia in every one of them, but I never tell people that I am really a stateless person carrying an Australian passport.

Best regards,  
Adrian Streather.

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