

**From:** Amanda Lloyd-Harris  
**Sent:** Sunday, 9 February 2014 4:11 AM  
**To:** Committee, EM (REPS)



Dear Sir/?Madam,

I am very angry and have been for a number of years that I am unable to vote in any Australian Elections as I live outside Australia. Just because one lives overseas doesn't mean that you are not interested in your country of birth or ill informed about what is taking place currently. My son has recently decided to move to Australia and I am considering returning in the not too distant future.

Since we have compulsory voting in Australia which I applaud, I feel that it is my right as holding an Australian Passport and returning to Australia for 3-4 weeks every year that I should be entitled to vote in Elections. I don't see why some panel of people should decide who is Australian and who has a right to vote based on some arbitrary cut off date. This is wrong I am Australian and return annually, I receive the ABC news feeds every day and communicate with friends who are politically involved and I will be buried Australia. I am probably more aware of what is taking place in the country even though I currently live in England than many who are forced to vote.

I am sufficiently informed and interested enough to set up the Liberal Party of Australia first overseas Branch, in London and help at Federal Elections at the High Commission, when asked.

I think that it is appalling that I am unable to exercise my democratic right to vote in my country.

Your sincerely,

Amanda Lloyd-Harris