



Darryl Schembri

Dear Senate,

My name is Darryl Schembri and I am 15 years old. I live in Malta, but I want to obtain an Australian citizenship, once my father gains his. He often talks about his birthplace, and ~~recalls~~ recalls his the six years he spent there, although nowadays he's becoming forgetful. I often dream of the day when I can go to Australia, even play football for them. I am ~~an~~ a vivid fan of football and was delighted upon hearing the news that they qualified for the World Cup finals. I have always had a soft spot for the Australians as I feel that they are my home country.

I also believe that there are far greater opportunities in Australia than in Malta, and, if given the chance, I intend to make the most of them. I am of the opinion that all Maltese ~~who~~ children who are granted ~~th~~ an Australian citizenship and move there will show their true worth. In a small country like Malta, one's potential is hindered, yet Down Under one can really shine. Australia will be able to benefit from the special talents of these Maltese children.

This is a chance of a lifetime, for me and for many other children, and I hope that my application for an Australian citizenship <sup>is accepted</sup>. Who knows, one day I may be playing for the Socceroos at the World

Cup.

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