

From: Bruce Calderbank
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To: Legal and Constitutional, Committee (SEN)
Subject: Calderbank - Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007

Dear Ms. Jackie Morris,

The Southern Cross Group has informed me that you are looking for personal submissions with regard to the above Bill.

I became a landed immigrant when I arrived in Sydney on 23 December 1973 from Canada. I stayed in Sydney to complete a 4 year degree course at the University of New South Wales. Once I completed my studies, I worked in Sydney till 5 May 1978 when I was laid off. As other work opportunities in my field were not available, I then decided to return to Canada and left Sydney on 4 June 1978. I no longer have that old Canadian passport with the relevant Australian Immigration stamp.

In early May 1978, I enquired about obtaining Australian citizenship and was told I had to be in the country for at least 6 more months from the time my application was submitted. Once I was laid off and had decided to return to Canada, I no longer had time to submit my application.

It is my hope that new Australian legislation will allow me to obtain Australian citizenship.

Beside that time in Australia, I lived in Sydney from 12 January 1963 to 2 January 1965.

My parents immigrated from Canada to Australia in 1972 and stayed there till 1990. They both obtained Australian citizenship, which were maintained.

I have occasionally worked offshore Australia in 1979, 1997, 2000, 2001, and 2002. For those times I obtained the necessary visa. I still maintain strong ties to Australia via various friends whom I visit when ever I am in the country, as well as following what is going on via the web.

Thanks for taking the time to consider my situation.

Yours sincerely,

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