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IN BRIEF

■ Expatriate advocacy organisation the **Southern Cross Group** (SCG) last week expressed disappointment at the Australian Government's response to recommendations made by the Senate Committee in the Inquiry into Australian Expatriates. The Government rejected half of the 16 **recommendations**, including one that the Electoral Act was amended to make it easier for Australians living abroad to continue to be enrolled to vote. Other ideas rejected included a recommendation that a web portal be set up to provide information to expat Australians and also that citizenship laws be changed to allow children of those who renounced their citizenship to gain access to Australian nationality. For more information, see www.southern-cross-group.org.