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Dear Ms McGregor

Thank you for your letter of 27 January and the book and documents contained therein. It was good to read of the latest developments relating to the interests of Australia's large diaspora and also to catch up with the latest activities of the Southern Cross Group. You may recall that we met in Moscow in 2002, when you called on me in my capacity as Charge d'Affaires at the Embassy in Russia.

I have placed copies of the information sheets contained in your letter about the Senate Inquiry into Australian Expatriates and copies of each of your media releases in the letter on the document stand in our public waiting room at Consulate-General Office and in our Consulate Social Club – the appropriately named Southern Cross Club. These areas are often frequented by Australians living in Southern China, so I am sure that your message will get out.

If you were to get the opportunity to come to China we would welcome a visit by you to Guangzhou. In my consular region, which covers five Chinese provinces, we estimate there are between 4,000-5,000 Australian citizens living and working, many of whom are former Chinese, Hong Kong and Taiwanese nationals.

I wish you and the Southern Cross Group well with their work. I hope the Senate Inquiry returns useful and practical recommendations.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Kevin Magee".

**R. Kevin Magee**  
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