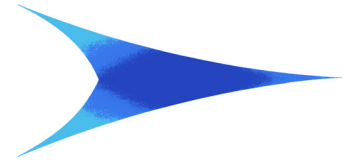


# **The Southern Cross Group**

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## **Calling Australians Everywhere.**

The Australian Senate's Legal and Constitutional References Committee has opened a **Parliamentary Inquiry into Australian Expatriates**. The Committee's terms of reference are as follows:

- (a) the extent of the Australian diaspora;
- (b) the variety of factors driving more Australians to live overseas;
- (c) the costs, benefits and opportunities presented by the phenomenon;
- (d) the needs and concerns of overseas Australians;
- (e) the measures taken by other comparable countries to respond to the needs of their expatriates; and
- (f) ways in which Australia could better use its expatriates to promote our economic, social and cultural interests.

Some one million Australians live abroad. That's equivalent to 5% of Australia's resident population. Yet never before in Australia's history has the Government formally examined our diaspora. Whether you are an Australian overseas or an Australian at home, this is a unique opportunity to put forward your thoughts, experiences, views and concerns. Through your participation in this inquiry, you can help shape and enrich the future of our country so that Australian expatriates can become better connected and integrated into the life of our nation, for the benefit of all Australians.

Whether you contribute three lines or a thesis, make sure your voice is heard. Ideas, background reading, and an e-mail template in which you can compose your submission and send it direct to the Committee can be found at:

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Or make your submission directly to:

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