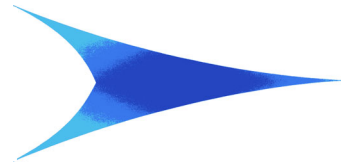


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## **ANZACC Conference, Washington DC, 30 November-1 December**

Dear Mr Barson,

Following a number of contacts with Peter Hutchinson recently, I am writing to ask whether you or another member of the International Branch might be able to join us as a speaker at the 2001 Australian New Zealand - American Chambers of Commerce conference to be held in Washington DC at the end of this month.

You are probably aware that the Southern Cross Group has been working on a number of expatriate issues, including dual citizenship and bilateral social security agreements between Australia and other countries. Many in the Australian expatriate community in the United States are greatly encouraged by the recent signature of the US/Australia bilateral social security agreement and we are interested to learn more about what it means for individuals in the future. Participants at the conference will be drawn from the membership of the various Australian NZ-American Chambers around the US.

Ron Delmenico, the President of ANZACC, has asked me to organize and chair a session at the conference on expat issues, to be held on the second day, Saturday 1 December. If it is possible for someone from the Department to join us, we would like to focus on the new bilateral agreement during the session. Alternatively, if it is not possible for someone from FaCS to travel to Washington, perhaps you could put us in touch with someone in the US Department of Social Security who was involved in negotiating the agreement with Australia.

I attach a conference flyer for your information. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure

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