

## **SCG E-Bulletin to Members**

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### **Input on US/Australia Social Security Agreement Due Jan 18**

Just a reminder that the Australian Department of Family and Community Services, International Branch, is inviting comments from Australians in the United States on the recently signed (but as yet unratified) bilateral social security agreement. If you are an Australian in the US or one who has spent some time living in the US previously, this agreement may have a positive impact on your pension entitlements in retirement.

The deadline for submissions is 18 January 2002.

The Southern Cross Group will be doing a brief submission. Input can be provided to us for inclusion ([anne@southern-cross-group.org](mailto:anne@southern-cross-group.org)) or directly to the Department at:

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Links to the text of the agreement itself, a consultation letter and an explanatory document are currently provided on the front page of the SCG website at [www.southern-cross-group.org](http://www.southern-cross-group.org)

Best regards,  
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