

The Southern Cross Group

Promoting Mobility in the Global Community



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Dear Mr Allen,

You may already be aware of the Southern Cross Group. We are an international independent non-profit advocacy organisation for the Australian diaspora. Our Group led the campaign over several years to have Section 17 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 1848* repealed from 4 April 2002. We are also active on expatriate voting rights and other matters.

I will be visiting New York from Brussels later this week and early next week. The SCG's North American Coordinator, Robyn Stephenson, who lives in Michigan, will be joining me in New York for a series of meetings.

We are writing to ask whether you might have time available to meet with us during our visit. We would appreciate an opportunity to discuss with you the work of our Group and our current projects.

We are both arriving in New York City on Wednesday evening this week, and leaving on the evening of Monday 30 September. Would an appointment be possible with you during that period? Our preference would be for Thursday 26 or Monday 30 September.

I can be contacted in Brussels on 32 2 5050 266 (work), 32 2 735 0436 (home) until Tuesday evening. Thereafter, I am reachable on my Australian cell phone: 61 419 232 016 while in New York, as from Wednesday evening. Robyn is reachable in Michigan on 616 392 6228 until tomorrow morning.

We look forward to the opportunity to establish a dialogue with yourself and others in the Consulate-General in New York.

Yours sincerely,

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