

The Southern Cross Group

Promoting Mobility in the Global Community



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Your Excellency,

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 Our Group led the campaign over several years to have Section 17 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 1848* repealed from 4 April 2002.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.

Electronic versions of some of our most recent submissions and media releases are being sent to you by e-mail in pdf format.

I will be visiting Moscow from Brussels from 14 to 20 October to speak at the Adam Smith Institute Congress on Russia's Accession to the WTO. I am writing to ask whether you might have time available to meet with me during my visit.

The SCG would appreciate an opportunity to discuss with you the work of our Group and our current projects, as well as the delivery of consular services from the Embassy in Moscow to Australian expatriates. We would also be interested to learn about any Australian expatriate groups which exist in Moscow and other cities in Russia.

I can be contacted in Brussels until Sunday 13 October on 32 2 5050 266 (work), 32 2 735 0436 (home). Thereafter, I am reachable on my Belgian mobile phone: +32 474 950 131.

We look forward to the opportunity to establish a dialogue with yourself and others in the Australian Embassy in Moscow.

Yours sincerely,

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