

**Southern Cross Group E-Bulletin to Members**  
30 January 2001

**Innovation Statement Ignores Dual Citizenship**

Dear Southern Cross Group Friends,

On 29 January 2001 the Australian Prime Minister, John Howard, delivered his Innovation Action Plan. Although this Plan contains some positive initiatives for Australia's future, it falls short of addressing the negative impact which Section 17 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 has on many Australians wishing to operate effectively in the global economy.

The Southern Cross Group is still urging the Howard Government to introduce legislation for the repeal of Section 17 without delay. Please help us if you have not already contacted the PM or your MP or Senators recently by doing so soon.

Full details and links to help you have your say are on our website at <http://www.southern-cross-group.org>

Every Australian should have the right to dual nationality in the 21st century.

Many thanks for your support in this endeavour.

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Southern Cross Group Management Committee

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OR ABROAD, WHO IS AFFECTED BY THIS ISSUE.