

The Southern Cross Group

Promoting mobility in the global community



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Dear Mr. Sinodinos,

On behalf of the members of the Southern Cross Group, thank you for the meeting on 18 December with Mr. John MacGregor and myself.

We were most encouraged to hear your views on the likelihood of repeal of Section 17 of the Citizenship Act, regarding dual nationality.

The Southern Cross Group shares the Prime Minister's objective of promoting the competitiveness of Australia. The upcoming innovation statement will give useful policy direction to this end.

During our meeting, we discussed the situation in Ireland and the efforts by that government to overcome skills shortages by tapping the expertise of the Irish diaspora. A short summary of the Irish Government initiatives in this regard is attached. Of interest there is present planning for a recruiting 'road show' during this May to Sydney and Melbourne.

The Southern Cross Group has members spread through a broad range of countries and professions. It has a large number of committed Australians and is keen to play a constructive role in promoting Australian interests globally. From this reservoir of expertise, if we can assist with your work where you consider appropriate in canvassing opinions or research for optimizing policies for Australia, do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: Memo on Irish Government initiatives to overcome skills shortages.

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