

# The Southern Cross Group

*Promoting mobility in the global community*



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Dear Mr. Frydenberg,

On behalf of the members of the Southern Cross Group, thank you and Ms. Susan Borchers for the meeting on 12 December with Mr. John MacGregor and myself.

During meetings in Canberra and Sydney, we were most encouraged to hear the supporting views of various government ministerial staffs and business groups with respect to updating the provisions of the 1948 Citizenship Act related to dual nationality. During a meeting with the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff Mr. Arthur Sinodinos we discussed the upcoming innovation statement by the Government and the need for Australia to evolve policies optimizing the impact of globalization.

In this context, we have some cause for optimism on the likelihood of repeal of Section 17 of the Citizenship Act, regarding dual nationality. The Southern Cross Group shares the Government's objective of promoting the competitiveness of Australia and its trading position in the world. This innovation statement will give useful policy direction to this end.

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.

Thank you again for agreeing to meet us and for your efforts in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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