

Southern Cross Group E-Bulletin to Members
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Petition on Dual Citizenship

Dear Southern Cross Group Friends,

Since Immigration Minister Ruddock announced on 17 May 2001 that the government is still not prepared to repeal Section 17 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 and wants to consult even further with the community, many of you have asked us what you can do at this time to make sure your voice is heard.

The Australians Abroad website has kindly provided an online petition which you can sign electronically:

<http://www.coolabah.com/oz/expats/intropetition.cfm>

In the last few days there has been a great deal in the Australian media about dual citizenship. If you would like to receive a package of all the articles which have appeared, please send an e-mail to sid@southern-cross-group.org

We expect the Government's new Issues Paper on this subject to be released within the next 10 days. Watch the Southern Cross Group website for developments.

Best Regards,

John Russell/Anne MacGregor
Southern Cross Group Management Committee