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Dear Ms MacGregor

Thank you for your letter and submission of 6 July 2001 to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Philip Ruddock MP, on issues relating to the proposed repeal of section 17 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The issues you have raised will be brought to the Government's attention and will make an important contribution to the Government's deliberations on this aspect of citizenship legislation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Southern Cross Group for the interest you have shown in Australian citizenship issues, particularly section 17 of the Act. It is through submissions such as yours, and the information they provide, that the Government can make informed decisions on citizenship matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kay Patterson', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Senator Kay Patterson