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Dear Ms MacGregor

Thank you for your letter, received 19 July 2001, regarding your request for the Federal Government to repeal section 17 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948. I apologise for the delay in this response.

As I am sure you are already aware the Government has decided to amend citizenship legislation to allow Australians who acquire another citizenship to retain their Australian citizenship. On Thursday 23 August legislation to this effect was introduced into the Federal Parliament.

I appreciate your making me aware of your opinions in relation to this issue.

Yours sincerely

Ian Macdonald

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