

Aussies able to take second citizenship

Australians will be able to acquire citizenship of another country without risking their Australian passports, under new laws to be introduced into Parliament this week.

Citizenship Minister Gary Hardgrave said the laws reflected a shift in the global labour market.

The Government would repeal Section 17 of the Citizenship Act which stripped Australians of their nationality when they acquired a dual citizenship, he said.

"Repeal of Section 17 will allow the growing number of internationally mobile Australians to take advantage of opportunities in other countries while retaining their links with Australia."

The present laws allow only Australians born overseas to hold dual citizenship.