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Hon Gary Hardgrave MP  
Minister for Citizenship & Multicultural Affairs  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 28 February regarding the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment Bill 2002.

I can confirm that the Opposition supports the speedy passage of the Bill without amendment. We are agreeable to it being treated as a non-controversial measure in the Senate. This should ensure that the Bill passes through both Houses of Parliament this month.

I would indicate that we have adopted this position notwithstanding our disappointment at the Government's unwillingness to review the current citizenship resumption requirements. I would reiterate my comments in the House urging you to consider that matter in the near future.

Yours faithfully

Laurie Ferguson MP  
Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs