

## **Southern Cross Group E-Bulletin to Members**

12 March 2002

### **Citizenship Bill Clears First Hurdle**

Dear Southern Cross Group Friends,

The Bill to repeal Section 17 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 was passed in the House of Representatives in Canberra on Tuesday 12 March 2002.

The Bill will now move to the Senate, and after clearing the Senate, requires Royal Assent by the Governor-General before becoming law. We hope that the Bill will be in the Senate later this week, and will keep you informed.

The proposed amendment has generated considerable discussion by a number of MPs and the transcript of proceedings in the House on the matter makes interesting reading. Links to the relevant Hansard extracts, the text of the Bill itself and other relevant documentation are accessible on the front page of our website:

<http://www.southern-cross-group.org>

Remember: until the Bill is assented to, any adult Australian who takes another citizenship will continue to lose their Australian citizenship.

Best regards,

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