

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

13 February 2002

### **Australian Citizenship Bill Introduced**

Dear Southern Cross Group Friends,

We are extremely pleased to report that at about 10 am on Wednesday 13 February, Canberra time, Citizenship Minister Gary Hardgrave introduced into the House of Representatives a Bill that will repeal Section 17 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948.

Once passed by both Houses and assented to, no further Australians will forfeit their Australian citizenship when they take out another citizenship.

See our website for further details as well as the text of the Bill and the Explanatory Memorandum and a link to the Minister's second reading speech.

In honour of the occasion we have just launched a new Southern Cross Group website!

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

If your ISP server has not yet picked up our domain name transfer, you can temporarily view our new site at

<http://scg2.maven.com.au>

until the domain name move has propagated around the world within the next 24 hours or so.

We thank everyone who has been behind us in the dual citizenship campaign, and we will keep you up to date as the bill moves through Parliament.

Best regards,  
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