

Southern Cross Group E-Bulletin to Members

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Citizenship Bill Passed in Senate

Dear Southern Cross Group Friends,

We are pleased to let you know that the legislation to repeal Section 17 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 was passed by the Senate without amendment at 2pm on Thursday 14 March 2002.

We now expect the new Act to receive Royal assent from the Governor-General in the next 7 to 14 days. Once this occurs, Australian citizens who take on another citizenship in adulthood will no longer forfeit their Australian

citizenship.

The front page of our website provides links to the Minister for Citizenship's media release of 14 March and the Senate Hansard:

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Best regards,

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