

**Subject:** \*\*\*\* Australian Citizenship Act Reforms - Children \*\*\*\*  
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Hello Minister Hardgrave

I read with great pleasure your speech to the Sydney Institute given on Wednesday 7th July 2004 regarding Australian Citizenship Act Reforms -  
<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/cam/media/media04/h04128.htm>

I happen to be one of those persons who had to renounce my Australian Citizenship (under Section 18) and was overjoyed to find that finally I could regain my lost Australian Citizenship.

One point that is concerning me is the proposal regarding '*Children of former Australian citizens*'. Your Media Release states the following -

*The Act will be amended to provide for grant of citizenship to a person of good character and over the age of 18 years who was born overseas after their parent lost citizenship under the former section 17.*

As I am a *Section 18* case this concerns me as my 2 children aged 6 and 4 years do not '*appear*' to be covered. I would very much like them to be granted Australian Citizenship and hope that your exclusion of my children is only a technical oversight, as I cannot see any reason to exclude them. May I suggest extending your proposals to clarify this particular point and avoid any future misinterpretation.

Thanking you in anticipation

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