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Dear Ms MacGregor

Thank you for your e-mail message of 4 December, 2005, with attached copy of your letter of the same date on behalf of The Southern Cross Group concerning the Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 which was introduced into the House of Representatives recently by the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon John Cobb, MP.

I have noted the contents of your correspondence and appreciate receiving the Group's comments in relation to this proposed legislation.

As you may be aware, this Bill has been referred to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee which is due to report back to the Parliament by 27 February, 2006.

I have written to Mr Cobb asking for his consideration of the concerns raised by the Group in relation to the children of some 2,000 Australian born people in Malta who will be denied access to Australian Citizenship under this proposed legislation and for his comments.

You may be assured I will bear the contents of your correspondence in mind when dealing with this issue in the Parliament and I will be in touch with you again as soon as I have received a reply from the Minister.

Yours sincerely

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Member for New England

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