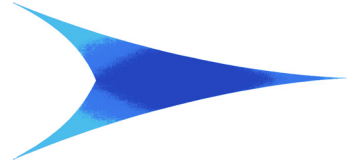


# The Southern Cross Group

*Promoting Mobility in the Global Community*



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**By e-mail and by fax**

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Your Excellency,

## ***Australian Citizenship Bill 2005***

The Australian High Commission in Malta is no doubt receiving a number of queries from Australian-born individuals in Malta as to the timing of the legislative changes that will eventually be brought about with the enactment of the *Australian Citizenship Bill 2005*.

The Southern Cross Group has also been receiving various inquiries. It would appear that a number of people in Malta may have unrealistic expectations as to when they will be able to resume their Australian citizenship. This is a matter of some concern to us, and for that reason, late last week we sent the attached information sheet to everyone on our mailing list in Malta (approximately 350 families).

The document was sent in conjunction with an SCG newsletter informing people that the Senate has referred the Bill to an Inquiry. Although many on our list in Malta have e-mail, a significant number do not, and on this occasion, we thought it best that everyone receive this important information in hard copy by post.

I will be visiting Malta from Brussels briefly next week on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 December and would welcome an opportunity to meet with you should that be convenient.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all our SCG volunteers to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2006.

Yours sincerely,

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