

The Southern Cross Group

Promoting Mobility in the Global Community



The Hon. James Nicholson, MEP
The European Parliament
Rue Wiertz
1047 Brussels

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Dear Mr. Nicholson,

On behalf of Southern Cross Group I would like to thank you for agreeing to address us at the Australian Embassy on June 18th. Her Excellency the Australian Ambassador Mrs. J. M. Hewitt, will be joining you this evening in presenting her perspectives on the current status of relations between Australia and the European Union.

The meeting will start at 6:30pm with a drink, and we intend to open the official proceedings before 7pm. We would be delighted if you could give a short speech of approximately 10-15 minutes, following Mrs. Hewitt's presentation, outlining perspectives on the recent visit of your delegation to Australia. Our members would especially appreciate your highlighting any issues which might affect the ability of Australians to live and work within the European Union, as well as any developments in the Belgian-Australian bilateral relations.

Following the speeches we shall move onto a question and answer session, which will be concluded by a reception.

The meeting will assemble a number of Australians living locally and abroad, including Canada and Germany. At this time we look forward to meeting with you and exchanging our views and experiences.

Yours sincerely,

John Russell
SCG Management Committee