

Southern Cross Group E-Bulletin to Members

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UK Citizenship Law Changes

Dear Southern Cross Group Friends,

The UK Home Office released a White Paper in February entitled "Secure Borders, Safe Haven: Integration with Diversity in Modern Britain". The document outlines proposed changes to UK citizenship law and policy. They concern the speed of processing of applications, language training and education for citizenship, citizenship ceremonies, a new citizenship pledge, and various legal reforms.

These may affect you, if you decide to take British citizenship after Section 17 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 is repealed.

Comments are due to the Home Office by Thursday 21 March 2002. The Southern Cross Group will be making a short submission and welcomes your input. You can read more about the White Paper on the front page of our website at:

<http://www.southern-cross-group.org>

We have links to the relevant sections of the White Paper there. The White Paper also looks at work permit and visa issues, which may in addition be of interest to you.

Your ideas should be sent to our Coordinator in Brussels, contact details below, by Tuesday 19 March.

Best regards,

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