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Message:

To: The Committee Secretary
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
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Dear Sir,

This submission is in response to the JSCEM's invitation for public comment as part of its Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2001 Federal Election.

I have been away from Australia for a period of some 18 years living and working here in Germany. Before leaving Australia I belonged to the sub-division of Holt. Over the years I have regularly made trips back to Australia for family and business reasons and make a point of ensuring that I am informed of news in Australia.

As President of the German -Australian Friendship club here in Germany I have over the years maintained strong links to the Australian Overseas mission here and have been active in promoting Australian cultural and business interests to Germany.

As I currently understand I am not on the Electoral Roll and as such since leaving Australia have not voted in an Australian federal Election or the November 1999 Referendum on the Republic.

I was on the electoral Roll prior to leaving Australia but have no information on how to register as an overseas elector. As a result I am not aware of the time limitations allowed under the Electoral Act for enrolling from overseas.

In general therefore I believe that I have been provided with little or no information on Enrolment and the right to votes as an Australian living overseas.

yours sincerely
Jeff Gomes