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Hello in Brisbane

I am a retired New Zealander, now 71 years of age, and I have been living here in Australia for over eight years on the "SCV-Visa". I have paid my taxes, not committed any crime, yet I am not able to vote in any election. My pension and superannuation income comes entirely from New Zealand.

In New Zealand even residents with a permanent entry visa only (non-citizens) can vote after a few months of residence.

I believe the "election rules" here in Australia are outdated and unfair to New Zealanders considering that there should be a close relationship between the two countries. The Australian electoral legislation should mirror the much more liberal New Zealand electoral law.

New Zealanders who have lived here for a certain time should also be able to gain citizenship "automatically" after, say, five or 10 years of residing in Australia legally. I realise, however, that this issue is a Canberra question.

With best regards

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