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From: Sam Dawes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2013 2:11 PM
To: Electoral Reform
Subject: Allow voting rights for spouses of Australian citizens

Dear Sir/Madam.....My wife who is a New Zealander and I, (a born and bred Australian) were married in Brisbane Qld on 9 January 1965.....She has chosen to remain a New Zealand citizen.....

.I resided in New Zealand for 21 years 1965-1986. During that time I was allowed to vote in both Local and Parliamentary election, without obtaining New Zealand citizenship.....

My wife and I returned to Australia, myself 1986, and my wife 1987.....We have lived in Queensland ever since.....

My wife, is now in her seventy-first year and does not wish to relinquish her New Zealand citizenship.....

Given her length of continued residency in Australia (26 years) and the fact that she has been married to an Australian citizen for almost fifty years, consideration should be given to her circumstances and allow her to vote in both Australian Local Government and Parliamentary elections...

Yours Sincerely

Samuel R Dawes (husband)

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