



Australian Citizenship

Invitation to provide written input to the National Consultation on citizenship

Our success as a nation is underpinned by a commitment by all Australians to a law abiding, peaceful and open society. Australia is one of the most culturally diverse yet socially cohesive nations on earth. The inclusive society we enjoy today has not come about by chance. It is because of an adherence by Australian citizens, whether by birth or by choice, to Australian values that recognise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. That's why, in an environment in which terrorism is reaching out to our community, we need to ensure this is well understood.

On 26 May 2015, the Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, announced new measures to strengthen Australian citizenship, including a National Consultation on citizenship to:

- improve the understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of Australian citizenship;
- examine ways to better promote this understanding; and
- seek the public's view on further possible measures.

A discussion paper, *Australian Citizenship – Your Right, Your Responsibility*, has been developed to encourage a national conversation about these important issues. The discussion paper is available on the Australian citizenship website www.citizenship.gov.au.

As part of the consultation process, we invite you to provide written input on the discussion paper through one of the following ways, as you prefer:

- Complete the online form using this link:
https://dibpau.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2oBvNXepUW2JF77;
- Email your comments to: CitizenshipPaper2015@immi.gov.au; or
- Mail your comments to: Citizenship Policy
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
PO Box 25
Belconnen, ACT 2616

Written input can be provided by **30 June 2015**.

We look forward to receiving your views and ideas. We thank you for your consideration of this important issue for the future of our country.

Yours sincerely

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