



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House of Representatives

05 DEC 2017

To the Registrar of Members' Interests,

Citizenship Register

Statement in relation to citizenship – 45th Parliament

I declare that at the time I nominated for election in this 45th Parliament I was an Australian citizen.

Section 1—Member's details

Surname	Other Names
Freelanders	Michael Randolph
Electorate	State
Macarthur	NSW

Section 2—Member's birth and citizenship details

Place of birth	Citizenship held at birth
Sydney, NSW, Australia	Australian
Date of birth	Date of Australian naturalisation (if not an Australian citizen by birth)
23 / 4 / 1953 Day Month Year	/ / Day Month Year

Notes

- (1) The information which you are required to provide is contained in a resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives on 4 December 2017.
- (2) If there is insufficient space on this form for the information you are required to provide, you may attach additional pages for that purpose. An electronic version of this form is available at <http://members.parl.net/citizenship> (internal link).
- (3) Forward the original, signed copy of all pages of this statement to the Registrar of Members' Interests, RG.39 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

Section 3(a)—Member's parents' birth details

	Mother	Father
Place of birth:	Australia	Australia
Date of birth:	14 / 8 / 1928 Day Month Year	13 / 09 / 1926 Day Month Year

Section 3(b)—Member's grandparents' birth details

	Maternal grandmother	Maternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Australia	Fiji
Date of birth:	Unknown / / Day Month Year	24 / 7 / 1898 Day Month Year

	Paternal grandmother	Paternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Australia	United Kingdom
Date of birth:	Unknown / / Day Month Year	Unknown / / Day Month Year

Section 3(c)—Member's spouse details (if applicable)

	Spouse
Place of birth:	Australia
Date of birth:	7 / 5 / 1958 Day Month Year

Section 3(d)

Please list the steps you have taken to assure yourself you have not acquired citizenship of another country by descent, marriage or other means.

United Kingdom

My paternal grandfather was a British citizen. However, under British law, the grandchildren of British citizens do not have an entitlement to British citizenship by descent.

Fiji

My mother's father was born in Fiji in 1898. Fiji was a British colony at the time. It is not clear whether my maternal grandfather was ever a Fijian citizen. He departed Fiji in 1912.

I was born in Australia in 1953.

Fiji became independent from Britain in 1970. Fijian citizenship was established under the *Fijian Constitution of 1970*. Under section 22 of the 1970 Constitution, only men could automatically transmit citizenship by descent – not women. Accordingly, even if my mother was a Fijian citizen, she could not have automatically transmitted Fijian citizenship to me.

Under section 11(1) of the *Fiji Citizenship Act 1971 (1971 Act)*, an application could be made to register a child born to a Fijian citizen mother as a Fijian citizen, but that application had to be made while the child was a minor. No such application has ever been made in relation to me. Again, it is unclear whether my mother's father – let alone my mother – was ever a Fijian citizen.

The *Fijian Constitution of 1990* introduced a prohibition on dual citizenship and stripped Fijian citizenship from those who acquired or retained foreign citizenship. Even if my maternal grandfather or mother had been a Fijian citizen, they would have been stripped of Fijian citizenship because of their Australian citizenship pursuant to section 28(3) of the 1990 Constitution.

The *Fijian Constitution of 1997 (1997 Constitution)* retained this prohibition on dual citizenship. Pursuant to Chapter III of the 1997 Constitution, Fijian citizenship ceased to be automatically transmitted by descent, and children of Fijian citizens could only acquire Fijian citizenship by registration. I can confirm that no such application to register to become a Fijian citizen was made on my mother's behalf while she was a minor, or at all. No such application has ever been made in relation to me.

The 1997 Constitution was suspended in 2009, following the 2006 military coup.

The military government issued the Citizenship of Fiji Decree of 2009 (**2009 Decree**), with effect from 10 April 2009. Pursuant to section 8(1) of the 2009 Decree, the child of a Fijian citizen could apply to register as a Fijian citizen. I reiterate that I have never applied to register to become a Fijian citizen, and no such application has ever been made on my behalf.

Accordingly, I have never acquired Fijian citizenship, I was not a Fijian citizen at the time of nomination for the 45th Parliament, and I am not a Fijian citizen now.

Section 4(a)—Foreign citizenship

Have you ever been a citizen of any country other than Australia?

☒ **NO** — *Proceed to Section 6*

☐ **YES** — *List the countries that you have been a citizen of, and evidence of the date and manner in which your citizenship of any other country was renounced or otherwise came to an end in accordance with the laws of the relevant country.*

Country	Manner of renunciation or other manner in which the foreign citizenship came to an end	Date	Evidence attached

NB: Evidence of the date and manner in which your citizenship was renounced or otherwise came to an end **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

Section 4(b)—Foreign citizenship at time of nomination

On the date you nominated for election in this 45th Parliament were you a citizen of any country other than Australia?

☒ **NO**

☐ **YES** — *Provide details and evidence of any steps you have taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country prior to the date of nomination.*

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached

NB: Evidence of the steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country prior to the date of nomination **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

Section 4(c)—Foreign citizenship now

Are you now a citizen of any country other than Australia?



NO



YES — Provide details and evidence of any steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country.

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached

NB: Evidence of the steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

Section 5—Member with foreign citizenship at nomination or now

Complete this section if you answered YES in section 4(b) or 4(c)

Basis on which you contend you are not disqualified under s 44(i) of the Constitution	Evidence attached

NB: Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

Section 6—General declaration

I declare that I have completed this statement to the best of my knowledge and have attached all evidence relevant to my declarations.

Signed	Date:
	<div>5 / 12 / 2017</div> <div>Day Month Year</div>