Petition to review and amend section 12 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*

We the undersigned petition for the following changes: to review and amend regulatory and administrative requirements under section 12 of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* and all predecessor legislation governing citizenship eligibility for children born in Australia on or after 20 August 1986.

The Home Affairs website states 'You may be eligible for evidence of citizenship if you were born in Australia on or after 20 August 1986 and at least one of your parents was an Australian citizen or permanent resident when you were born.' Applications must be accompanied by original certified birth certificates and a fee between $0 and $560.

There appears to be a practical presumption that children born in Australia is an 'alien' or 'stateless' unless determined otherwise. A child's parentage is proven by possession of an Australian Birth Certificate. It should be easy to use all births, deaths, marriages, citizenship and permanent residency data to determine the status of the applicant's citizenship.

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