

Written evidence submitted for The Nationalities and Borders Bill by Christiaan Piercy. (NBB01)

- Clause 7 historical legislative unfairness for children of British Citizens, Ensure that children of parents registered under section 4c (British mothers) can register.
- Expand the UK ancestry route to children of british citizens, not just UK born Grandparents.

Clause 7 - Nationality and borders bill

Acquisition by registration; (1) *If an application is made for a person of full age and capacity ("P") to be registered as a British citizen, P would have been, or would have been able to become, a British citizen but for— (a) historical legislative unfairness.*

"Historical legislative unfairness" includes circumstances where P would have become a british citizen — (a) treated males and females equally.

Intro about myself & historical legislative unfairness

When my father was born in 1949 in Australia to a British Mother. British citizenship could not be passed from mothers to children, it wasn't until 1981 the law was amended to allow those born between 1961 - 1981 to register. Then it took until 2010 when the law finally changed, my father was permitted to register. However the follow on effect is that I have missed out on the opportunity to register as a british citizen (an entitlement I would have if he was British at birth).

- Father born in 1949 in Australia to British Mother
- Unable to obtain British Citizenship at birth due to discriminatory laws
- Father in 2016 obtained British Citizenship under section 4C of the british nationality act (decent to a British Mother)
- Myself born in 1995 prior to when father was permitted to register is unable to acquire British Citizenship which I would have had the right to register as a Citizen to due to my father's residence in the U.K. (Section 3.(2- 3) BNA 1981).

Great distress and hardship to our family has been felt, to be considered unvalued and unwanted dispute being children of British Citizens if not something I'd wish on anyone. This has gone on first with my father and now myself. To not be considered that I am deserving of my own family's citizenship has mental crushed me.

Recommendations and Considerations

- **Ensure registration route for adult children of parents registered under section 4c.**
- Registration route for all adult children of British Citizens. (that clause 7 doesn't go far enough and i am worried i still will not be able to enjoy the citizenship that my father has dispute the years & years of driscrimton which has now lasted three generations in my family from my grandmother)

- UK ancestry route expanded to all with ancestry in the UK (disregarding the need for birth in the UK due to the nature those british subjects who left went to commonwealth countries prior to 1948 were still all British subjects and didn't go to foriegn countries), then the british Nationality act didn't cover the rights of british subjects would be progressively stripped from them if they didn't register to acquire CUKC.

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