

## **First Australian citizenship ceremony (1949)**

NARRATOR: Prime Minister Chifley and Immigration Minister Calwell arrive at the Albert Hall, Canberra for an historic ceremony. Today for the first time certificates of Australian citizenship are presented. Mr Chifley himself gets the first, and the second goes to Sir Robert Garham who helped to frame the Australian Constitution. Previously all Australians were British subjects. Now under the 1948 Nationality and Citizenship Act, these men of seven different nationalities are the first aliens to become Australian citizens and British subjects. Presiding at the ceremony is Mr Justice Simpson of the Federal Supreme Court.

MR JUSTICE SIMPSON: Mr Marston will you renounce your Norwegian nationality by repeating after me.