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| May Australia be elected? | Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT) |
| Types of protection available via the PCT: | Patents, patents of addition |

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Section 194 of the Patents Act 1990;
Regulation 19.2 of the Patents Regulations

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Yes (see Annex L)
