

**DAP dares MCA to withdraw voter proposal to PSC**  
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MCA has been challenged to withdraw its contentious proposal on the voting rights of Malaysians based overseas, which was submitted to the parliamentary select committee (PSC) on electoral reform.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek should do so, since Chua claimed that what had been conveyed by the party representative was inaccurate.

Should Chua fail to do so, Lim argued, it would show that MCA endorsed the proposal opposing voting rights for Malaysians based overseas on grounds that they do not have a proper picture of the current affairs in the country.

"MCA should apply to the PSC to withdraw the memorandum. Will they withdraw or not? As long as they don't withdraw, it still stands.

"Chua Soi Lek is doing one thing and saying another," Lim, who is also Penang chief minister, told a press conference in Kuala Lumpur today.

Last Friday, MCA's representative Ei Kim Hock (above, left) told the PSC hearing that Malaysians residing overseas depended on the Internet to obtain news about the country.

MCA should apologise

Ei said they are thus "out of touch" and maybe relying only on "biased" and "wrong" information to decide at the ballot box.

Immediately after the news broke, netizens poured scorn on the position taken by MCA's position, forcing Chua to issue a clarification hours later that Ei had made a mistake.

Chua said MCA was not against proposals to allow Malaysians residing overseas the right to vote, but was worried about the logistical problems involved.

Lim said should Ei have made a mistake, then Chua owed Malaysians an apology.

"Just because I'm overseas, I'm not longer a Malaysian? Don't I have any rights? I find that very insulting... they should apologise to all the Malaysians, starting with Chua," he added.