

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND INC  
Form N-Q  
September 28, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM N-Q**

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**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF**  
**REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

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<b>Investment Company Act file number:</b>	<b>811-4438</b>
<b>Exact name of registrant as specified in charter:</b>	<b>Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.</b>
<b>Address of principal executive offices:</b>	<b>Gateway Center 3, 100 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102</b>
<b>Name and address of agent for service:</b>	<b>Mr. Beverley Hendry, 300 S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite #820, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301</b>
<b>Registrant's telephone number, including area code:</b>	<b>954-767-9900</b>
<b>Date of fiscal year end:</b>	<b>10/31/04</b>
<b>Date of reporting period:</b>	<b>7/31/04</b>

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Item 1 Schedule of Investments [ INSERT SCHEDULE ]

## Statement of Net Assets (unaudited)

July 31, 2004

Shares		Description	Value (US\$)
<b>LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 96.3%</b>			
<b>Common Stocks 96.3%</b>			
<b>Consumer Discretionary 13.3%</b>			
1,360,000	APN News & Media Corporation Limited	\$	4,038,211
720,010	Info Media		408,421
2,900,000	Ion Limited		3,533,715
1,906,000	Pacifica Group Limited		5,592,695
793,000	TABCORP Holdings Limited		7,758,073
			<b>21,331,115</b>
<b>Consumer Staples 15.2%</b>			
444,000	Billabong International Limited		2,524,778
2,680,000	Foster s Group Limited		8,689,605
840,000	Lion Nathan Limited		4,100,118
696,000	McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited		2,412,674
797,000	Woolworths Limited		6,535,811
			<b>24,262,986</b>
<b>Energy 2.1%</b>			
263,000	Woodside Petroleum Limited		<b>3,313,379</b>
<b>Financials 33.8%</b>			
988,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited		12,495,653
294,000	Australian Stock Exchange Limited		3,242,740
705,000	AXA Asia Pacific Holdings Limited		1,565,066
69,108	Bendigo Bank Limited		472,348
285,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia		6,231,061
187,000	National Australia Bank Limited		3,492,600
1,403,000	QBE Insurance Group Limited		12,261,865
408,000	Suncorp-Metway Limited		3,971,543
873,000	Westpac Banking Corporation Limited		10,301,451
			<b>54,034,327</b>
		<b>Value</b>	
<b>Shares</b>		<b>Description</b>	<b>(US\$)</b>
<b>Industrials 4.0%</b>			
981,000	Leighton Holdings Limited	\$	<b>6,437,139</b>
<b>Materials 8.9%</b>			
724,000	BHP Billiton Limited		6,682,489
283,000	Rio Tinto Limited		7,509,228
			<b>14,191,717</b>
<b>Property 3.9%</b>			
594,679	Westfield Trust		<b>6,309,276</b>

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<b>Telecommunication Services 10.4%</b>		
2,580,000	Telecom Corporation of New Zealand Limited	10,009,531
1,932,000	Telstra Corporation Limited	6,670,192
		<b>16,679,723</b>
<b>Utilities 4.7%</b>		
560,000	Australian Gas Light Company Limited	4,941,318
1,574,000	GasNet Australia Group	2,623,409
		<b>7,564,727</b>
	Total long-term investments (cost \$113,072,830)	<b>154,124,389</b>
<b>Principal Amount (000)</b>		
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT 0.7%</b>		
<b>Repurchase Agreement 0.7%</b>		
1,141	State Street Bank and Trust Company, 1.20%, dated 7/30/04, due 8/2/04 in the amount of \$1,141,114 (cost \$1,141,000; collateralized by \$975,000 U.S. Treasury Bonds, 6.625%, 2/15/27; value including interest \$1,168,837)	<b>1,141,000</b>
<b>Total Investments 97.0% (cost \$114,213,830)</b>		<b>155,265,389</b>
Other Assets in excess of Liabilities 3.0%		4,881,402
<b>Net assets 100%</b>		<b>\$ 160,146,791</b>
<b>Net Asset Value per common share</b> (\$160,146,791/16,777,298 shares issued and outstanding)		<b>\$9.55</b>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Item 2 Controls and Procedures

- (a) It is the conclusion of the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer that the effectiveness of the Registrant's current disclosure controls and procedures (such disclosure controls and procedures having been evaluated within 90 days of the date of this filing) provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by the Registrant has been recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified in the Commission's rules and forms and that the information required to be disclosed by the Registrant has been accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer in order to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.
  
- (b) There have been no changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3 Exhibits

(a)(2) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 Attached hereto

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

By:     /s/ Martin Gilbert

Martin Gilbert,  
President of  
Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: September 22, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By:     /s/ Martin Gilbert

Martin Gilbert,  
President of  
Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: September 22, 2004

By:     /s/ Christian Pittard

Christian Pittard,  
Treasurer of  
Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: September 22, 2004