

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND INC  
Form N-Q  
March 31, 2005

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

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM N-Q**

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

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| Investment Company Act file number:                 | 811-04438  |
| Exact name of registrant as specified in charter:   | Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.   |
| Address of principal executive offices:             | 800 Scudders Mill Road,<br>Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536  |
| Name and address of agent for service:              | Mr Beverly Hendry,<br>300 S.E. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite #820,<br>Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: | 212-968-8800   |

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Date of fiscal year end: 10/31/05

Date of reporting period: 1/31/05

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**Item 1 Schedule of Investments****Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)**

January 31, 2005

| Shares                              | Description                                   | (US\$)            |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 97.9%</b>  |   |                   |
| <b>Common Stocks 97.9%</b>          |   |                   |
| <b>Consumer Discretionary 12.4%</b> |   |                   |
| 1,197,000                           | APN News & Media Corporation Limited          | \$ 4,582,418      |
| 565,000                             | Billabong International Limited               | 5,276,053         |
| 1,906,000                           | Pacifica Group Limited                        | 4,327,770         |
| 729,000                             | TABCORP Holdings Limited                      | 10,010,710        |
|                                     |   | <u>24,196,951</u> |
| <b>Consumer Staples 14.1%</b>       |   |                   |
| 2,127,000                           | Foster's Group Limited                        | 8,587,739         |
| 811,000                             | Lion Nathan Limited                           | 5,153,572         |
| 1,390,000                           | McGuigan Simeon Wines Limited                 | 6,463,082         |
| 656,000                             | Woolworths Limited                            | 7,417,076         |
|                                     |   | <u>27,621,469</u> |
| <b>Energy 1.5%</b>                  |   |                   |
| 188,000                             | Woodside Petroleum Limited                    | 3,008,510         |
| <b>Financials 31.5%</b>             |   |                   |
| 960,000                             | Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited | 15,317,970        |
| 294,000                             | Australian Stock Exchange Limited             | 4,766,314         |
| 125,631                             | Bendigo Bank Limited                          | 956,053           |
| 238,000                             | Commonwealth Bank of Australia                | 6,182,364         |
| 1,260,000                           | QBE Insurance Group Limited*                  | 14,890,662        |
| 470,000                             | Suncorp-Metway Limited                        | 6,792,823         |
| 840,000                             | Westpac Banking Corporation Limited           | 12,498,392        |
|                                     |   | <u>61,404,578</u> |
| <b>Industrials 9.6%</b>             |   |                   |
| 355,507                             | Downer EDI Limited                            | 1,410,561         |
| 1,020,000                           | Leighton Holdings Limited*                    | 9,596,049         |
| 783,000                             | Patrick Corporation Limited                   | 3,780,275         |
| 1,410,000                           | Qantas Airway Limited                         | 3,889,938         |
|                                     |   | <u>18,676,823</u> |
| <b>Materials 11.4%</b>              |   |                   |
| 1,026,000                           | BHP Billiton Limited                          | 12,936,254        |
| 283,000                             | Rio Tinto Limited                             | 9,408,434         |

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|   |           |  | 22,344,688            |
| <b>Property 4.8%</b>  | 703,999   | Westfield Group Limited                    | 9,296,410             |
| <b>Telecommunication Services 9.8%</b>                        | 2,677,000 | Telecom Corporation of New Zealand Limited | 11,721,156            |
|   | 1,932,000 | Telstra Corporation Limited                | 7,396,184             |
|   |           |  | 19,117,340            |
| <b>Utilities 2.8%</b>   | 506,000   | Australian Gas Light Company Limited       | 5,391,714             |
| <b>Total long-term Investments 97.9% (cost \$114,898,670)</b> |           |  | <b>191,058,483</b>    |
| Other assets in excess of liabilities 2.1%                    |           |  | 4,174,669             |
| <b>Net Assets 100.0%</b>                                      |           |  | <b>\$ 195,233,152</b> |

\*Portion of security is on loan.

**Tax Cost of Investments**

The United States federal income tax basis of the Fund's investments and net unrealized appreciation as of January 31, 2005 were as follows:

| <u>Cost</u>   | <u>Appreciation</u> | <u>Depreciation</u> | <u>Net Unrealized Appreciation</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$142,267,130 | \$ 52,152,713       | \$ (3,361,360)      | \$ 48,791,353                      |

**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)(1) 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: March 22, 2005

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: March 22, 2005

By: */s/ Christian Pittard*  
Christian Pittard,

Treasurer of

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: March 22, 2005