ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND INC Form N-Q March 31, 2006

### **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM N-Q

### QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

#### OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

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,

Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536

Name and address of agent for service:

Mr. Christian Pittard

Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.

1735 Market Street

37th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 1-866-839-5205

Date of fiscal year end: 10/31/06

Date of reporting period: 1/31/06

Item 1 Schedule of Investments

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

Portfolio of Investments

January 31, 2006

Shares   Description   (USS)					Value
Common Stocks- 95.6%   Common Stocks- 95.6%   Common Stocks- 95.6%   1,267.000   APN News & Media Corporation Limited   4,279,184   803,000   TABCORP Holdings Limited   9,226,883   1,801,082   1,801,082   1,801,082   1,801,082   1,801,082   1,801,082   1,800,000   1,8		Chanas	Decomination		(TIC¢)
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	773,000	Westfield Group Limited	10,355,707
<b>Telecommunication Services- 6.7%</b>			
	2,338,000	Telecom Corporation of New Zealand Limited	9,108,218
	1,759,500	Telstra Corporation Limited	5,297,293
			14,405,511
Utilities- 3.0%			
	322,000	Australian Gas Light Company Limited	4,384,399
	2,094,000	SP Ausnet	2,059,215
			6,443,614
<b>Total Long-Term Investments- 95.6%</b>			
(cost \$124,945,476)			206,246,191
Other assets in excess of liabilities - 4.4%			9,381,362
Net Assets- 100.0%			\$ 215,627,553

#### **Tax Cost of Investments**

The United States federal income tax basis of the Fund s investments and net unrealized appreciation as of January 31, 2006 were as follows:

			Net Unrealized
Tax Cost Basis	Appreciation	Depreciation	Appreciation
\$ 139,854,864	\$ 69,484,785	\$ 3,093,458	\$ 66,391,327

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.  ${\bf 1}$ 

#### 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 (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) that occurred during the first fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant s internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3 Exhibits.

(a) Certifications required pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are filed as Exhibit 99.CERT.

#### **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 31, 2006

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 31, 2006

By: /s/ Christian Pittard
Christian Pittard,
Treasurer of
Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: March 31, 2006