

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 24

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

18 June 2018

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Report relating to the consideration of petitions and matters relating to the petitions system

The committee met in private session on 21 June 2017, 6 December 2017, 9 May 2018, 23 May 2018 and 30 May 2018.

1. The committee resolved to present the following petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

From 735 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0221)**

From 14 petitioners – requesting removal of alcohol advertising at Sporting venues **(PN0347)**

From 12,384 petitioners – requesting the retention of the name the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) **(PN0348)**

From 168 petitioners – regarding the Bruce Highway upgrade **(PN0349)**

From 1 petitioner – regarding ferries for Bass Strait **(PN0352)**

From 362 petitioners – regarding the Defence Home Ownership and Assistance Scheme (DHOAS) **(EN0263)**

From 147 petitioners – requesting that the former definition of marriage be resumed **(EN0522)**

From 49 petitioners – requesting a federal Domestic Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms and Pet Shops) Act **(EN0553)**

From 30 petitioners – requesting tougher penalties for sex crimes against children **(EN0556)**

From 40 petitioners – requesting an investigation of the ABC for misuse of funds **(EN0562)**

From 16 petitioners – requesting a ban on plastic straws **(EN0564)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting a ban on the domestic ivory trade **(EN0565)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting a restoration of the previous annual income standard **(EN0570)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting passenger choice between full body scanning or pat at Australian airports **(EN0571)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting changes to the Assurance of Support (AOS) for Contributory Parent Visa (subclass 143) **(EN0578)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting the House strike down the Assurance of Support Scheme **(EN0580)**

From 1,591 petitioners – requesting recognition of illegal parental alienation **(EN0581)**

From 46 petitioners – requesting a ban on the live export of sheep from Australia **(EN0585)**

From 11 petitioners – requesting changes to the use of energy efficient light bulbs **(EN0590)**

From 19 petitioners – requesting changes to child support payments **(EN0593)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting a reversal of the proposed NBN install at Llandilo NSW **(EN0594)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting an expansion of the M1 between Garden City and Robina **(EN0595)**

From 12,881 petitioners – requesting a plebiscite on the legalisation of Cannabis sativa L **(EN0596)**

From 108 petitioners – requesting that Autologous Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation be used as a treatment for Multiple Sclerosis **(EN0598)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding Victorian electricity distribution networks **(EN0297)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding Carbon mitigation strategies and electricity costs **(EN0301)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the clarification of the name of Australia’s Federal Parliament **(EN0401)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister – to a petition regarding Royal Style and Titles Act 1973 and its impact on the Australian Government **(EN0402)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister – to a petition regarding Royal Style and Titles Act 1973 and its impact on the Australia’s independence and its establishment as a Constitutional Monarchy **(EN0403)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the process of disallowance of an Australian law by the Queen **(EN0404)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister – to a petition regarding the role of the Commonwealth Ombudsman and the Defence Force Ombudsman **(EN0406)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister – to a petition to change the current Australian National Anthem to ‘We are Australian’ **(EN0407)**

From the Assistant Minister for Children and Families – to a petition regarding child protection **(EN0420)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding geoengineering and weather modification to prevent climate change **(EN0421)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister – to a petition regarding the clarification of the holder of the title ‘Defender of the Faith’ under the Royal Style and Titles Act 1973 **(EN0423)**

From the Minister for Defence – to a petition regarding rezoning land in the vicinity of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Edinburgh, South Australia **(EN0434)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister – to a petition regarding Australia’s asylum seeker policy **(EN0443)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding the cost of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescriptions for Australians under the age of 18 years **(EN0454)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding increasing the daily penalty for sitting in Parliament while disqualified **(EN0455)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding listing nusinersen (Spinraza) Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) by June 2018 **(EN0462)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding visits to immigration detention facilities **(EN0480)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding Family Tax Benefit payments and conscientious objection by parents to the immunisation of their children **(EN0481)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to petitions regarding climate change **(PN0095, PN0202, PN0205, PN0207, PN0229, PN0237, PN0248, PN0251, PN0252, PN0255, PN0256, PN0257, PN0258, PN0259, PN0260, PN0261, PN0262, PN0263, PN0268, PN0275, PN0178)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to petitions regarding climate change **(PN0156, PN0161, PN0162, PN0163, PN0164, PN0165, PN0166, PN0167, PN0168, PN0169, PN0170, PN0171, PN0172, PN0173, PN0175, PN0176, PN0177, PN0179, PN0084, PN0096)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the maritime boundary between Australia and Timor-Leste **(PN0080)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding climate change **(PN0113)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding climate change **(PN0206, PN0277, PN0283)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding the Adani Carmichael coal mine in Queensland **(PN0288)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the persecution of Falun Gong in China **(PN0329)**

The terms of the petitions and the responses will be recorded in Hansard.

Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

Chair – Petitions Committee