

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 6

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

25 November 2019

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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 16 October and 23 October 2019.

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

From 289 petitioners – regarding adding suicidal imagery to the National Classification Code **(EN1054)**

From 18 petitioners – regarding accepting New Zealand’s offer of settlement of asylum seekers currently detained in PNG **(EN1055)**

From 35 petitioners – regarding accepting New Zealand’s offer of settlement of asylum seekers currently detained in PNG **(EN1057)**

From 17 petitioners – regarding accepting New Zealand’s offer of settlement of asylum seekers currently detained in PNG **(EN1058)**

From 176 petitioners – regarding accepting New Zealand’s offer of settlement of asylum seekers currently detained in PNG **(EN1059)**

From 378 petitioners – requesting the introduction of the Human Rights and Corruption (Magnitsky Sanctions) Bill into Parliament **(EN1060)**

From 1122 petitioners – requesting that surrogacy attract a Medicare rebate in the same way as IVF patients **(EN1064)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding immigration and visa requirements for British National Overseas (Hong Kong) residents **(EN1066)**

From 13411 petitioners – regarding immigration and visa requirements for British National Overseas (Hong Kong) residents **(EN1067)**

From 11 petitioners – regarding accepting New Zealand’s offer of settlement of asylum seekers currently detained in PNG **(EN1070)**

From 14 petitioners – requesting stricter controls over access to free “adult” movies available on the internet **(EN1071)**

From 689 petitioners – regarding accepting New Zealand’s offer of settlement of asylum seekers currently detained in PNG **(EN1072)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding banning the importation of diesel and petrol cars from 2020 for health reasons **(EN1073)**

From 19 petitioners – regarding accepting New Zealand’s offer of settlement of asylum seekers currently detained in PNG **(EN1074)**

From 66 petitioners – regarding accepting New Zealand’s offer of settlement of asylum seekers currently detained in PNG **(EN1075)**

From 30 petitioners – requesting that the parliament declare that the Earth is probably 4.5 billion years old and that Aboriginal culture is at least 65,000 years old **(EN1076)**

From 8 petitioners – requesting that the voting age be lowered to 16 years **(EN1078)**

From 1 petitioners – regarding human evolution in the Australian education curriculum **(EN1079)**

From 1 petitioners – regarding Australia’s water security **(EN1081)**

From 11009 petitioners – requesting that the use of glyphosate be restricted or banned in Australia **(EN1082)**

From 469 petitioners – requesting that Encoranfenib and Binimetinib be added to the PBS for the treatment of BRAF mutated colon cancer **(EN1083)**

From 20 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(EN1085)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting the use of nuclear power in Australia as a means to a cleaner environment **(EN1086)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting the establishment of a Federal ICAC (Independent Commission Against Corruption) **(EN1088)**

From 493 petitioners – regarding accepting New Zealand’s offer of settlement of asylum seekers currently detained in PNG **(EN1089)**

From 8 petitioners – requesting an open debate on the arguments for and against climate change **(EN1090)**

From 24 petitioners requesting an increase to the Age Pension **(EN1091)**

From 28 petitioners – requesting the creation of mandatory recycling plants in all Australian States and Territories **(EN1092)**

From 239 petitioners requesting an increase to the Newstart Allowance **(EN1094)**

From 34 petitioners – regarding accepting New Zealand’s offer of settlement of asylum seekers currently detained in PNG **(EN1095)**

From 9 petitioners – regarding the Coronation Oath and the current line of authority in the Australian Commonwealth **(EN1097)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting that breast pumps, nipple shields and supplementary nursing systems be exempt from tax **(EN1099)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting that the tax on cigarettes be lowered **(EN1100)**

From 273 petitioners – requesting that \$4 billion be released immediately to aid Australian farmers **(EN1101)**

From 19 petitioners – regarding Australia’s offshore processing of asylum seekers **(EN1102)**

From 24 petitioners – regarding foreign policy and West Papua **(EN1103)**

From 37 petitioners – requesting Australia condemn the use of force by the Iraqi Government on peaceful protests in Iraq **(EN1104)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting that the legal driving age of Australians be changed to 17 for all states and territories **(EN1105)**

From 44 petitioners – regarding climate science and that humans are not responsible for climate change **(EN1106)**

From 17 petitioners – regarding adding creative interventions to mental health programs in schools **(EN1108)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting Shark Control Program drum lines be restored in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park **(EN1109)**

From 208 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(EN1110)**

From 39 petitioners – regarding amendments to the National Mental Health Plan legislation **(EN1111)**

From 75 petitioners – regarding the National Integrity Commission Bill and a code of ethics for members of Parliament **(EN1112)**

From 7302 petitioners – regarding the Paris Climate Agreement **(EN1116)**

From 107 petitioners – requesting all Members of Parliament be placed on the cashless card system as used by welfare recipients for reasons of transparency **(EN1118)**

From 11 petitioners – regarding Australia’s electoral laws **(EN1119)**

From 12187 petitioners – requesting that Australia accord full diplomatic recognition to Taiwan **(EN1120)**

From 34 petitioners – requesting laws to manage the Extinction Rebellion Group protesters **(EN1121)**

From 8 petitioners – requesting increased funding for testing for genetic recessive diseases such as cystic fibrosis, fragile X syndrome and spinal muscular atrophy **(EN1123)**

From 41 petitioners – regarding independent investigators in the Family Law Court setting **(EN1126)**

From 15 petitioners – regarding transparency and integrity in the Department of Human Services **(EN1127)**

From 1046 petitioners – regarding the regulatory strategies, policies and activities of ASQA (Australian Skills Quality Authority) **(EN1129)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs– to a petition requesting the establishment of an Australian Embassy in Norway **(EN0665)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting that Australia condemn and not recognise the outcome of National elections in Zimbabwe **(EN0680)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding the option to accept or not accept Medicare reimbursement **(EN0878)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding the placement of people with chronic illnesses on Newstart Allowance **(EN0915)**

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding political advertising and political finance **(EN0927)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding blood donation by gay men **(EN0928)**

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding extending federal government terms to at least four years **(EN0931)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting endometriosis medications be included on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme **(EN0947)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding eligibility for nomination for the 2019 federal election of Hon Josh Frydenberg MP under s44 of the Australian Constitution **(EN0954)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding eligibility for nomination for the 2019 federal election of Hon Peter Dutton MP under s44 of the Australian Constitution **(EN0955)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding eligibility for nomination for the 2016 federal election of Hon Peter Dutton MP under s44 of the Australian Constitution **(EN0963)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding changes to the Australian Constitution **(EN0972)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding a revision of Newstart Allowance payment rates **(EN0982)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding a Newstart Allowance and pay rises for Australian Parliamentarians **(EN0988)**

From the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters – to a petition regarding cancellation of charitable status for all religious organisations **(EN0991)**

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

Mr Llew O'Brien MP

Chair – Petitions Committee