

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 14

Petitions and Ministerial Responses

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Summary of petitions and ministerial responses being presented:

- 1. The committee met in private session on 11 September 2019 , 23 October 2019, 10 June 2020 and 17 June 2020, and resolved to present the following petitions in accordance with standing order 207:**

Petition certified on 11 September 2019

From 5, 428 petitioners – requesting a Royal Commission into the Murray-Darling Basin Plan **(EN1038)**

Petition certified on 23 October 2019

From 1, 754 petitioners – requesting a Royal Commission into the Murray-Darling Basin Plan **(EN1124)**

Petitions certified on 10 June 2020

From 678 petitioners – requesting certain actions to support vegan lifestyle choices **(EN1534)**

From 66 petitioners – requesting an economic recovery review and salary reductions for elected officials **(EN1535)**

From 19 petitioners – requesting an investigation into the management of the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN1537)**

From 22 petitioners – regarding Chinese imports **(EN1538)**

From 25 petitioners – requesting changes to the work restrictions on international students during COVID-19 **(EN1540)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding the 5G network **(EN1541)**

From 5 petitioners – regarding the 5G network **(EN1542)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting an investigation into Australia Post **(EN1543)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1544)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1545)**

From 34 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1546)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1547)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1548)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting a review of LANTITE test requirements **(EN1549)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1550)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1553)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting changes to LANTITE test requirements
(EN1554)

From 2 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1558)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting changes to LANTITE test requirements
(EN1559)

From 1 petitioner – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1560)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1561)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1562)**

From 40 petitioners – regarding mandatory flu vaccinations **(EN1563)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting an extension of the National Rental
Affordability Scheme **(EN1565)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1566)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting a review of LANTITE test requirements
(EN1568)

From 6 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1569)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting a review of LANTITE test requirements **(EN1570)**

From 23 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1571)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the LANTITE test be suspended during COVID-19 **(EN1572)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting a Royal Commission into Centrelink and Services Australia **(EN1573)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting a review of LANTITE test requirements **(EN1574)**

From 24 petitioners – requesting the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill 2020 be rejected **(EN1575)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1579)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting a review of LANTITE test requirements **(EN1580)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting changes to temporary visas for people traveling to Australia **(EN1581)**

From 353 petitioners – regarding partner visa applications **(EN1583)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting the retirement age be lowered **(EN1584)**

From 10 petitioners – requesting ongoing free childcare **(EN1585)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the Medicare levy and welfare payments cease **(EN1587)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding climate change **(EN1588)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting the application of an environmental impact rating label on food and drinks **(EN1589)**

From 1,148 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1590)**

From 699 petitioners – requesting changes to immigration criteria during COVID-19 **(EN1591)**

From 10 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1593)**

From 38 petitioners – regarding implementation of the 5G network **(EN1594)**

From 2,203 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1596)**

From 10 petitioners – requesting an inquiry into sections 382 to 384 of the Fair Work Act 2009 **(EN1597)**

From 11 petitioners – requesting endorsement of the Marine Arctic Peace Sanctuary Treaty **(EN1599)**

From 4,230 petitioners – requesting a ban on facial recognition technology **(EN1600)**

From 17 petitioners – requesting an increase to the Carer Allowance **(EN1602)**

From 51 petitioners – requesting an inquiry into the conduct of online travel agents **(EN1603)**

From 1,163 petitioners – requesting changes to Family Law legislation **(EN1605)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting support for small businesses **(EN1606)**

From 2 petitioners - regarding diversity in universities **(EN1611)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting to re-nationalise Qantas Airways **(EN1612)**

From 39 petitioners – requesting mental health training for teachers **(EN1613)**

From 29 petitioners – regarding police brutality in the United States **(EN1615)**

From 85 petitioners – regarding the live cattle export industry **(EN1617)**
Petition certified at meeting of 17 June 2020

From 784 petitioners –requesting the inclusion of Taiwan in a ‘travel-bubble’
(EN1618)

From 95 petitioners –requesting an inquiry into First Nations women in
custody **(EN1619)**

From 29 petitioners – requesting asylum be given to Hong Kong citizens
(EN1620)

From 40 petitioners – requesting the mandatory inclusion of AUSLAN and
deaf culture awareness in the primary school curriculum **(EN1621)**

From 4 petitioners – regarding reporting requirements for large charity
donations **(EN1623)**

From 60 petitioners – requesting changes to LANTITE test requirements
(EN1624)

From 1 petitioner – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1625)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1626)**

From 3 petitioners –requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1628)**

From 2 petitioners –requesting changes to LANTITE test requirements during COVID-19 **(EN1629)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1630)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1631)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting the LANTITE test be reviewed **(EN1632)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting the implementation of recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody **(EN1633)**

From 14 petitioners –requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1635)**

From 10 petitioners –requesting the LANTITE test be abolished **(EN1636)**

From 374 petitioners – requesting the Constitution be changed to recognise Indigenous Australians **(EN1637)**

From 47 petitioners – requesting a junk food tax to subsidise healthy food **(EN1638)**

2. The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

Ministerial responses considered on 17 June 2020

From the Assistant Prime Minister – to a petition regarding the installation of a Minister for Men **(EN1185)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding sports-betting and gambling advertisements **(EN1217)**

From the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters – to a petition regarding donated funds to the Australian fire affected regions **(EN1305)**

From the Assistant Prime Minister – to a petition regarding a new Australian flag design **(EN1320)**

Ministerial responses considered on 5 August 2020

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding the eligibility of political candidates **(EN1119)**

From the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology – to a petition regarding superannuation **(EN1179)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding electricity emissions **(EN1201)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding Sky News Australia **(EN1210)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding tax exemptions for fire fighters **(EN1214)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding the inclusion of Arts in the title of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications **(EN1215)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding a Federal Department with a focus on the arts **(EN1218)**

From the Minister for Defence Industry – to a petition regarding Leeuwin Barracks in WA **(EN1223)**

From the Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia – to a petition regarding drought affected areas in Victoria **(EN1225)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding interactive gambling **(EN1242)**

From the Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia – to a petition regarding freedom of water **(EN1243)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding regulations and standards of digital security **(EN1249)**

From the Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia – to a petition regarding licencing and trading of water **(EN1257)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding epilepsy awareness **(EN1261)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding native animal studies **(EN1266)**

From the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology – to a petition regarding bank lending **(EN1273)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding terms and conditions on prepaid phones **(EN1274)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a petition regarding wildlife detectors on highways **(EN1282)**

From the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme – to a petition regarding NDIS funded complex assistive technology **(EN1284)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the autistic community
(EN1285)

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding changing the days of a
working week **(EN1290)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a
petition regarding media discrimination **(EN1293)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a
petition regarding the film industry **(EN1298)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding
Centrelink's sickness allowance **(EN1302)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding indigenous suicides
(EN1307)

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding
climate change **(EN1315)**

From the Treasurer – to a petition regarding the board of the Reserve Bank of
Australia **(EN1326)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding clarification of
Indigenous meaning **(EN1329)**

From the Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia – to a petition regarding a radioactive waste facility in SA **(EN1330)**

From the Deputy Prime Minister – to a petition requesting a ban on reclining seats during domestic flights **(EN1337)**

From the Assistant Minister for Superannuation – to a petition regarding super fund investments **(EN1338)**

From the Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management – to a petition regarding promotional material used in supermarkets and fast food chains **(EN1344)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding press freedom **(EN1346)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding NBN for remote Australia **(EN1351)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding domestic violence **(EN1360)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting legalisation of nicotine based vaping products in Australia **(EN1362)**

From the Minister for Youth and Sport – to a petition regarding Brimbank's girls and women in sport 2020 agenda **(EN1368)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition requesting an increase to single aged pensions **(EN1370)**

From the Deputy Prime Minister – to a petition regarding vehicle design specifications **(EN1374)**

From the Minister for Education – to petitions regarding school closures during COVID-19 **(EN1375, EN1388, EN1395 and EN1399)**

From the Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management – to a petition regarding single use plastic items **(EN1377)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding tax distribution **(EN1380)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding support for the events industry **(EN1387)**

From the Minister for Communications – to a petition regarding financial assistance for live entertainers during COVID-19 **(EN1391)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting to postpone the AFL season **(EN1393)**

From the Prime Minister – to a petition regarding COVID-19 **(EN1402)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding financial assistance for venues during COVID-19 **(EN1405)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the establishment of a federal integrity commission **(EN1412)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding foreign ownership **(EN1421)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding lock-down during COVID-19 **(EN1423)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding domestic violence reforms **(EN1426)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding lock-down during COVID-19 **(EN1429)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting hair and beauty salons to be shut down during COVID-19 **(EN1433)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding transport for Australians returning home **(EN1435)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding international medical graduates **(EN1443)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding COVID-19 **(EN1444)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting car washes to close during COVID-19 **(EN1451)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding COVID-19 **(EN1457)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding compensation for landlords during COVID-19 **(EN1464)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding Australian owned assets **(EN1466)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding health measures during COVID-19 **(EN1469)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding vaccinations **(EN1470)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding tax deductions on food and beverages during COVID-19 **(EN1471)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding nursing registrations **(EN1474)**

From the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters – to a petition requesting investigations into charities **(EN1475)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding COVID-19 lock-down measures **(EN1481)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition requesting tax exemptions for organic food growers **(EN1485)**

From the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology – to a petition regarding space travel and climate change **(EN1489)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding isolation rules in regional areas **(EN1494)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding Chinese medicine during COVID-19 **(EN1502)**

From the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians – to a petition regarding mandatory vaccinations for visitors to nursing homes **(EN1505)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding crush protection devices on all-terrain vehicles **(EN1506)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding hazard allowance for healthcare workers during COVID-19 **(EN1509)**

From the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology – to a petition regarding financial support for self-funded retirees during COVID-19 **(EN1510)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding emergency measures during COVID-19 **(EN1514)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding lockdown and vaccinations during COVID-19 **(EN1515)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding property settlement laws **(EN1518)**

From the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians – to a petition regarding influenza vaccinations **(EN1528)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding lockdown during COVID-19 **(EN1530)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding employers and vaccinations **(EN1531)**

From the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment – to a petition requesting funding for nature tourism near Lithgow **(PN0453)**

From the Treasurer – to a petition regarding banking **(PN0457)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Kashmir and human rights **(PN0461)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Falun Gong in China **(PN0467)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition requesting an increase to Newstart payments **(PN0469)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Falun Gong in China **(PN0470)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the establishment of a federal integrity commission **(PN0477)**

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