

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 22**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**26 March 2018**

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Chair	Mrs Lucy Wicks MP
Deputy Chair	Hon Justine Elliot MP
	Mr Russell Broadbent MP
	Mr Scott Buchholz MP
	Mr Steve Georganas MP
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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 7 February, 14 February and 28 February 2018.**

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

From 10,008 petitioners – regarding the Falun Gong in China **(PN0329)**

From 204 petitioners – requesting a Royal Commission into the Department of Veterans' Affairs to examine the number of deaths of retired and serving Australian service personnel **(EN0451)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting that the cost of PBS prescription medications be lowered for people under the age of 18 years **(EN0454)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Common Informers (Parliamentary Disqualifications) Act 1975 to increase the daily penalty for those sitting as Members of Parliament while disqualified **(EN0455)**

From 2468 petitioners – requesting amendments to Australia's asylum seeker policy **(EN0456)**

From 38 petitioners – requesting amendments to Australia's organ donation legislation be amended from "opt in" to "opt out" **(EN0458)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding the roll-out of the NBN **(EN0468)**

From 10 petitioners – regarding Australia’s luxury car tax **(EN0472)**

From 15 petitioners – regarding income assistance and Family Tax Benefit **(EN0476)**

From 814 petitioners – regarding removing the GST from women’s sanitary products **(EN0478)**

From 1635 petitioners – regarding the visiting procedures for Australia’s onshore detention centres **(EN0480)**

From 22 petitioners – regarding payment of Family Tax Benefit to families who chose not to vaccinate their children **(EN0481)**

From 35 petitioners – requesting that the House continue to start the sitting day with The Lord’s Prayer **(EN0484)**

From 59 petitioners – regarding the establishment of an inquiry into CIRS (Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome) and related conditions **(EN0491)**

From 64 petitioners – regarding support for West Papua and its indigenous population **(EN0492)**

**The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:**

From the Minister for Employment – to a petition regarding paid parental leave **(EN0201)**

From the Minister or Veterans' Affairs – to a petition regarding the consideration of Gold Cards **(EN0288)**

From the Minister for Rural Health – to a petition regarding the sale and production of Propylene Glycol and other petroleum-based substances **(EN0359)**

From the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia – to a petition regarding the provision of finance through the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) to Adani for the North Galilee Basin Rail **(PN0066)**

From the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia – to a petition regarding the provision of finance through the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) to Adani **(PN0068)**

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

**Mrs Lucy Wicks MP**

**Chair – Petitions Committee**