

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 30

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

15 October 2018

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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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 22 August 2018, 12 and 19 September 2018.

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

From 12,436 petitioners – regarding the treatment of the Falun Gong in China
(PN0364)

From 25 petitioners – requesting that funding be reinstated for remote Aboriginal housing in Western Australia **(EN0683)**

From 20 petitioners – regarding child protection and parental rights
(EN0684)

From 15 petitioners – regarding the Australian Human Rights Commission
(EN0685)

From 316 petitioners – regarding the spread of Myrtle Rust Disease in Australia **(EN0686)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding consumer rights and protections when purchasing digital products such as e-books and online games **(EN0689)**

From 16 petitioners – requesting that income support payments be increased
(EN0690)

From 109 petitioners – regarding the quality and accountability of health care workers **(EN0692)**

From 667 petitioners – requesting the addition of registered behavioural clinicians to the NDIS price guide **(EN0694)**

From 426 petitioners – requesting an independent investigation into all deaths in Australia’s Manus Island and Nauru regional processing centres **(EN0696)**

From 28 petitioners – requesting a by-election in the seat of Dickson, Qld **(EN0698)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting an inquiry into Australia’s Fair Work Act, Fair Work Commission and the Fair Work Ombudsman **(EN0699)**

From 20 petitioners – regarding electoral reform in Australia **(EN0701)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting that all members of the Liberal Party be penalised two weeks’ parliamentary salary as a result of the recent Liberal leadership challenges **(EN0704)**

From 15 petitioners – requesting electoral reform in Australia regarding the position of the Prime Minister **(EN0705)**

From 122 petitioners – regarding the treatment under Medicare of Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) employees **(EN0707)**

From 28 petitioners – requesting the taxation status of the Australian Catholic Church be revoked until child protection policies are complied with **(EN0708)**

From 1,542 petitioners – requesting free medical care for life for former Australian Defence Force (ADF) members **(EN0712)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting the House to pass a Modern Slavery Act in 2018 **(EN0713)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Communications – to a petition regarding regulation of the National Broadband Network (NBN) **(EN0468)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding parental alienation in family law parenting matters **(EN0581)**

From the Minister for Communications – to a petition regarding the unwanted installation of an NBN fixed wireless tower at an address in Llandilo, NSW **(EN0594)**

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

Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

Chair – Petitions Committee