

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 5**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**21 October 2019**

## **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 18 September and 16 October 2019.**

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

From 243 petitioners – regarding the death penalty as punishment for paedophilia in Australia **(EN1045)**

From 1303 petitioners – regarding the burden of migraine on Australia and its management **(EN1046)**

From 494 petitioners – requesting funding for the South West Aboriginal Medical Service in Bunbury, WA **(EN1047)**

From 441 petitioners – regarding permanent residency for Hong Kong expats living in Australia **(EN1048)**

From 293 petitioners – regarding NBNCo's request to tax streaming services such as Netflix and YouTube **(EN1051)**

From 25 petitioners – Falun Gong and organ harvesting in China **(PN0439)**

From 49 petitioners – Falun Gong and organ harvesting in China **(PN0440)**

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

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a petition requesting the investigation of the use of sound detection software in mobile devices which would turn off the device if a vehicle engine noise is detected **(EN0161)**

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding breaches of s44 of the Australian Constitution **(EN0229)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting an audit of compliance with s44 of the Australian Constitution be conducted **(EN0230)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding the tax on alcohol **(EN0250)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding the Disability Support Pension **(EN0381)**

From the Minister for Agriculture – to a petition regarding the export of Australian baby formula **(EN0399)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding increasing Australia's uptake of solar energy **(EN0614)**

From the Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology – to a petition a requesting a Government Consumer Protection Insurance Scheme **(EN0656)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding stopping planned obsolescence and reducing e-waste **(EN0755)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Mr Julian Assange **(EN0757)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding the shortage of GPs in rural, remote and regional locations **(EN0761)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding Lifetime Health Cover **(EN0811)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding a lower income tax rate for fly-in fly-out (FIFO) workers **(EN0814)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding funding for a national Q Fever Vaccination Program **(EN0815)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding the introduction of a Bank Star rating system **(EN0839)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding Australia’s geoengineering policy and climate science **(EN0858)**

From the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology – to a petition regarding the recommendations for the mortgage broking industry as a result of the Banking Royal Commission **(EN0862)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding the sale of Australian land to non-Australian or New Zealand citizens **(EN0877)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding Australian Government support for informal kinship carers **(EN0884)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding amendments to section 8 of the *Parliamentary Privileges Act 1987* **(EN0893)**

From the Minister for Industrial Relations – to a petition requesting that the Fair Work Act 2009 be changed to include ‘high income’ employees **(EN0902)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a petition regarding Australia’s water security **(EN0904)**

From the Minister for Indigenous Australians – to a petition regarding the establishment of Indigenous governing bodies at national, state and territory level **(EN0923)**

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding the creation of a public register of political party positions **(EN0929)**

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding changes to the electoral system in Australia **(EN0932)**

From the Minister the Environment – to a petition regarding a ban on the use of unsustainable resources **(EN0933)**

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding Australian electoral policy including direct democracy **(EN0946)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding clarification as to the status of the “law and the Gospel of God” in Australia **(EN0948)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the eligibility of Barnaby Joyce MP to nominate for federal parliament and to refer the alleged conduct to the Australian Federal Police and the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions **(EN0956)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding making ecocide an Australian criminal offence **(EN0961)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the ministerial response to petition EN0615 with respect to the investigation and prosecution of breaches of s44 of the Australian Constitution **(EN0969)**

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding changes to Australian electoral policy with particular reference to the 2022 Federal election  
**(EN0979)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding the Zone Tax Offset and Kangaroo Island **(PN0055)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a petition regarding road safety concerns in the Gympie region and Fraser Coast on the Bruce Highway **(PN0349)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Security and the Arts– to a petition regarding the imminent disconnection of television retransmission in Speewah, QLD **(PN0401)**

From the Minister for the Environment– to a petition regarding the Adani Coal Mine and Rail Project in the Galilee Basin, QLD **(PN0413)**

From the Minister for the Environment– to a petition regarding the Adani Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project in the Galilee Basin, QLD **(PN0414)**



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

**Mr Llew O'Brien MP**

**Chair – Petitions Committee**