

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 26

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

24 May 2021

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Report summarising the petitions and Ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session on 21 April 2021

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

Petitions certified on 21 April 2021

From 10 petitioners – requesting the Australian Broadcasting Corporation be defunded **(EN2511)**

From 4 petitioners – regarding a royal commission into suicide and depression **(EN2515)**

From 5551 petitioners – requesting changes to the means testing for parental leave pay **(EN2516)**

From 31 petitioners – regarding the category of ‘special witness’ in court proceedings **(EN2521)**

From 13 petitioners – regarding healthcare funding **(EN2523)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting the removal of ‘Basic Religious Charity’ category from legislation administered by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission **(EN2526)**

From 1578 petitioners – requesting an extension of the JobKeeper support for people working in the travel industry **(EN2527)**

From 36 petitioners – regarding funding of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation **(EN2530)**

From 101 petitioners – regarding transgender and non-binary rights **(EN2533)**

From 47 petitioners – regarding visa rules for permanent residents **(EN2540)**

From 6274 petitioners – regarding travel ban exemptions for parents of Australian citizens and permanent residents **(EN2543)**

From 1009 petitioners – regarding a federal election **(EN2544)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding the Migration Act **(EN2545)**

From 72 petitioners – requesting the cashless debit card trial and rollout be halted **(EN2548)**

From 837 petitioners – regarding the travel ban for international students **(EN2556)**

From 248 petitioners – regarding veterans' exposure to carcinogenic dioxins during the Vietnam War **(EN2557)**

From 73 petitioners – regarding the security of the Jetstar booking system
(EN2558)

From 144 petitioners – regarding the reclassification of homeopathic medications under the Agvet code **(EN2559)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding copyright law amendments **(EN2561)**

From 28 petitioners – regarding amendments to the Veterans’ Entitlement Act and its definition of evidence **(EN2562)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding aged care funding **(EN2564)**

From 10 petitioners – regarding the regulation of house prices **(EN2566)**

From 18 petitioners – regarding amendments to the Veterans’ Entitlement Act and its treatment of obesity **(EN2567)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting a boycott of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games **(EN2572)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting mandatory identification for voters
(EN2574)

From 28 petitioners – regarding amendments to the Veterans’ Entitlement Act
(EN2581)

From 1 petitioner – regarding overpopulation impacts on Australian Government Bond returns **(EN2582)**

From 1 petitioner – regarding overpopulation impacts on superannuation returns **(EN2583)**

From 3 petitioners – regarding the national health and physical education curriculum **(EN2584)**

From 268 petitioners – requesting changes to the Defence-related Claims Act to mirror supports provided under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act **(EN2585)**

From 199 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act to legalise online poker **(EN2592)**

From 270 petitioners – requesting all forms of gambling advertisements be banned **(EN2593)**

From 54 petitioners – regarding foreign ownership of land **(EN2594)**

From 22 petitioners – regarding a ban on advertising gambling at sport events **(EN2595)**

From 17 petitioners – regarding a code of conduct for Members of Parliament **(EN2597)**

From 27 petitioners – regarding influenza vaccinations **(EN2598)**

From 87 petitioners – requesting the House remove prayers from the standing orders **(EN2599)**

From 8 petitioners – requesting the cost of land be included in the consumer price index **(EN2600)**

From 8 petitioners – regarding the restriction of childcare benefits **(EN2602)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child **(EN2603)**

From 39 petitioners – requesting National Relay Service registration be made optional **(EN2604)**

From 33 petitioners – regarding the Veterans' Entitlement Act **(EN2605)**

From 441 petitioners – requesting legislation on equal employment **(EN2607)**

From 77 petitioners – requesting the distribution of the AstraZeneca vaccine be paused and subject to further research **(EN2609)**

From 1837 petitioners – requesting a partial reopening of international borders **(EN2611)**

From 83 petitioners – regarding the introduction of a Halal certification body
(EN2612)

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 12 May 2021

From the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a petition regarding the Perth Airport banksia woodlands, wetlands and Aboriginal heritage sites **(EN1823)**

From the Attorney General – to a petition regarding the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse **(EN1856)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting majority consent on determining state of disasters or emergencies and for international treaties **(EN1916)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting a Royal Commission into Australia's news media **(EN1980)**

From the Assistant Minister for Electoral Matters – to a petition requesting an independent federal anti-corruption body **(EN1982)**

From the Minister for Government Services – to a petition regarding a universal basic income program **(EN2045)**

From the Attorney General – to a petition requesting a stop to employers demanding a criminal history check **(EN2071)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding changes to the Coronavirus Supplement, Carer Payments, Disability Support Pension and Temporary visas **(EN2087)**

From the Attorney General – to a petition requesting a royal commission into the treatment of people with disability **(EN2113)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs – to a petition regarding reparation payments for instances of serious abuse **(EN2128)**

From the Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management – to a petition regarding a uniformed recycling industry in Australia **(EN2158)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting Medicare to cover emergency ambulance transportation **(EN2164)**

From the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment – to a petition requesting an increase in tariffs and continued economic sanctions against China **(EN2269)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting an Australian Centre for Disease Control **(EN2274)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition regarding legislation preventing the Australian Government from enacting mandatory COVID-19 vaccines **(EN2314)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting a royal commission into the Federation of Australia **(EN2349)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding the Australian Government’s interference in the property market **(EN2379)**

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding airsoft gun parts and accessories **(EN2400)**

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