

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 7**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**20 March 2023**

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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**Report summarising the petitions and Ministerial responses being presented.**

**The committee met in private session in the 47<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 8 February 2023, 15 February 2023 and 8 March 2023.**

**1. The committee resolved to present the following 18 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:**

From 407 petitioners - requesting that Trove is kept as a free and open service to all Australians **(EN4755)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting the temporary postponement of implementation of revised pet import regulations **(EN4756)**

From 12 petitioners - requesting the electrification of Australia's freight lines **(EN4759)**

From 489 petitioners - requesting that Trove be fully funded **(EN4761)**

From 14 petitioners - requesting military support for Ukraine **(EN4763)**

From 17 petitioners - requesting the appointment of independent board members to Screen Australia **(EN4764)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting removal of requirements on student and work visas **(EN4765)**

From 39 petitioners - requesting to change the national anthem to We Are Australian **(EN4766)**

From 36 petitioners - requesting parliamentary debate prior to the indigenous voice-to-parliament referendum **(EN4769)**

From 8 petitioners - requesting that people are allowed to donate money to the Commonwealth of Australia **(EN4772)**

From 26 petitioners - requesting a change of Australia Day to the last Friday of January **(EN4773)**

From 69 petitioners - requesting a ban on companies who have convictions for illegal research **(EN4775)**

From 83 petitioners - requesting a freeze on land and businesses being bought by foreign entities **(EN4776)**

From 68 petitioners - requesting a ban on the sale of energy drinks to children **(EN4778)**

From 182 petitioners - requesting a change to the 491 visa **(EN4780)**

From 47 petitioners - requesting cancellation of the cashless debit card **(EN4783)**

From 5506 petitioners - requesting permanent residency for those who came by boat 2012-2014 **(EN4784)**

From 2897 petitioners - requesting continuing funding for “sealing the hills” project **(EN4785)**

**2. The following 30 ministerial responses to petitions were received by the Committee on 8 March 2023:**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting Australians overseas to be allowed their constitutional right to return to Australia **(EN2343)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting the return of stranded citizens **(EN2645)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting to stop criminalisation of Australians seeking to return from India **(EN2648)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting to bring stranded Australians home **(EN2653)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting to repatriate Australians in India back to their home **(EN2664)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting help reunite Australian families **(EN2867)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting assistance to vaccinate Australians in Vietnam **(EN2956)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting to bring home stranded Australians **(EN2960)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting help for Australia to mask up **(EN3001)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting to bring vulnerable Australian citizens home from Indonesia **(EN3014)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding Rohullah Hussaini's Afghan family **(EN3265)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting the Murugappan family to return home to Biluela **(EN3462)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting to ban gambling advertising in media **(EN3559)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition regarding pictures of children in the news media **(EN3767)**

From the Minister for Government Services to a petition regarding a Royal Commission for gaslighting victims working for Services Australia **(EN3925)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition requesting new legislation regarding cost of living for Centrelink payments **(EN3957)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding PR visas for parents **(EN3960)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting the cancellation of visas for Russian Duma members **(EN4031)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting to ban the use of all sirens by radio advertisements **(EN4036)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting the release of FM licences in the Ballarat LAP **(EN4049)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding the lack of a functioning computer system at the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation **(EN4186)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding smoking within the MITA compound and buildings **(EN4187)**

Regarding regulation of the sale of helium and releasing of helium filled balloons **(EN4351)**

From the Minister for Defence to a petition requesting to name the new class of Australian Submarines Rainbow Warriors **(EN4515)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition requesting to hold the IRGC accountable for the death of Mahsa-Amini **(EN4540)**

From the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury to a petition regarding the mandated use of USB-C charging ports by manufacturers **(EN4545)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to a petition regarding reductions to the DFRDB scheme **(EN4548)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting urgent action towards the Islamic Republic of Iran **(EN4571)**

From the Minister for Social Services regarding an income test exemption for Disability Support Pension recipients due to vaccine injury **(EN4578)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding human rights violations in Pakistan **(EN4621)**

**Ms Susan Templeman MP**  
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