

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 17

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

13 September 2017

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**Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business
and of private Members' business**

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 12 September 2017.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of committee and delegation business that had been notified, private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Tuesday, 12 September 2017, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 16 October 2017, as follows:

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (10.10 am to 12 noon)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to prohibit Commonwealth support for coal-fired power stations, and for related purposes. (*Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017*)

(Notice given 11 September 2017.)

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.

- 2 MS MCGOWAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to renewable energy to improve support for the community energy sector, and for related purposes. (*Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Supporting Renewable Communities) Bill 2017*)

(Notice given 15 August 2017.)

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.

Orders of the day

- 1 COMPETITION AND CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SMALL BUSINESS ACCESS TO JUSTICE) BILL 2017** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 10 August 2017*).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members speaking — 10 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 1 x 10 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

2 AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2017*) on the motion of Mr Hastie.

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 10 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

Notices – continued

3 DR FREELANDER: To move—that this House:

- (1) acknowledges the outstanding work of hearts4hearts and its CEO Ms Tanya Hall in promoting awareness and improved treatment of cardiac arrhythmias;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) atrial fibrillation affects at least 500,000 Australians and comes with high risk of stroke and heart failure with conventional treatments;
 - (b) while many cardiovascular conditions have declined in mortality rates in the past years, the mortality rates for atrial fibrillation have almost doubled in the last two decades;
 - (c) catheter ablation is the acknowledged best practice treatment;
 - (d) there are long waiting lists for catheter ablation in the public hospital system and the treatment is not listed on the Prostheses List; and
 - (e) up to 40,000 Australians could benefit from catheter ablation, including 13,000 on private health insurance; and
- (3) welcomes the recent announcement by the Minister for Health that the Government will consider changes to Prostheses List processes in order to account for catheter ablation and other non-implantable devices, but calls on the Minister to provide further details on this announcement, including a clear time line for implementation.

(Notice given 7 September 2017.)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 12 noon

Speech time limits —

Dr Freelanders — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 6 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS T. M. BUTLER: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the:
 - (a) last three years have seen an unprecedented global coral bleaching event which has had a devastating impact on many coral reefs ecosystems around the world, including our own Great Barrier Reef (GBR); and
 - (b) World Heritage Committee:
 - (i) met in early July in Poland and expressed its 'utmost concern' regarding the 'serious impacts from coral bleaching that have affected World Heritage properties'; and
 - (ii) noted that the most widely reported impacts were on the GBR and called on all States Parties to undertake 'the most ambitious implementation of the Paris Agreement';
- (2) recognises that:
 - (a) the World Heritage Centre released the first global scientific assessment of the impact of climate change on World Heritage coral reefs;
 - (b) the assessment found that it is a well established conclusion of international peer reviewed literature that limiting the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degrees celsius above pre-industrial levels provides a chance of retaining coral-dominated communities for many reef locations around the globe;
 - (c) the assessment also found that the GBR will start to experience severe coral bleaching twice per decade by 2035, a mere 18 years away; and
 - (d) this frequency of bleaching will not allow coral reefs to recover, putting the survival of the GBR in danger along with the 64,000 jobs that are dependent on it;
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) urgently adopt a clean energy target that is fully consistent with Australia's obligations within the World Heritage Convention to protect the outstanding universal value of the GBR World Heritage area; and
 - (b) abandon plans for a \$1 billion loan through the Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility to Adani to help establish one of the world's largest coal mines.

(Notice given 8 August 2017.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms T. M. Butler — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

2 MR WALLACE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) applications are now open for Round Three of the Stronger Communities Programme (SCP);
 - (b) the SCP has:
 - (i) invested in thousands of worthwhile projects applied for by small community groups and organisations which would often not have received funding another way; and
 - (ii) had a positive impact on the lives of all kinds of Australians, supporting youth sporting clubs, community halls and clubhouses, surf lifesavers, aged and day care facilities among many more;
- (2) welcomes the funding allocated to all successful projects under Rounds One and Two of the SCP, including the Caloundra Woodworking Club's grant of \$15,000 to enable the construction of an extension to their building and the grant of \$8,700 to Caloundra Surf Club which enabled the purchase of an inflatable rescue boat;
- (3) congratulates the Government for developing the Stronger Communities Programme, for its ongoing commitment to building stronger and safer communities, and for investing a further \$22.5 million in the 2017 budget to enable a third round of the SCP to proceed in 2017-18; and
- (4) encourages local community groups across Australia to contact their Federal Member of Parliament to find out more about how to apply for a grant under the Stronger Communities Fund.

(Notice given 16 August 2017.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Wallace — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

3 MR CHAMPION: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the important contribution that the Australian food, beverage and grocery industry and its workers make to the Australian economy including:
 - (a) creating over 300,000 Australian jobs;
 - (b) contributing over \$125 billion in turnover; and
 - (c) exporting over \$30 billion of products; and
- (2) encourages the Government to work with the Australian food, beverage and grocery industry to ensure its continued success.

(Notice given 20 June 2017.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Champion — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

4 MR WALLACE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that trade union malfeasance has cost taxpayers around 30 per cent, and possibly more, of their investment in recent infrastructure projects, and has led to widespread harm among Australian workers;
- (2) welcomes the Government's decisive and comprehensive program of measures to investigate, stamp out and punish union malfeasance, including;
 - (a) the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2016*;
 - (b) the *Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Act 2016*, which included the restored Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC), and the Building Code 2016; and
 - (c) the *Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Act 2017*;
- (3) congratulates the Government on dealing with the scourge of union misbehaviour on Australian construction sites; and
- (4) encourages the Government to continue to explore ways of eliminating unethical trade union practices and to provide all necessary legal and financial support to the ABCC in its work to investigate and punish illegality in the construction industry.

(Notice given 15 August 2017.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Wallace — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

5 MR GILES: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the good work of the Northern Melbourne Regional Development Australia (RDA) committee;
- (2) condemns the Government for shutting down the Northern Melbourne RDA;
- (3) recognises that Melbourne's northern suburbs are a significant growth area, which has not received its fair share of vital infrastructure support under this Government and that this is adversely impacting on productivity and liveability; and,

- (4) calls on the Minister to reconsider amalgamating the RDA committees in Victoria.
(Notice given 5 September 2017.)

*Time allotted — remaining private Members’
business time prior to 1.30 pm*

Speech time limits —

Mr Giles — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices – continued

6 MS RISHWORTH: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises:
 - (a) 14 September 2017 marks the 70th anniversary of Australia’s involvement in international peacekeeping; and
 - (b) the important and unique role peacekeepers and peacemakers provide in the transition from conflict to peace;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) over 70,000 Australians have been involved in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations since 1947; and
 - (b) Australia has had peacekeepers in the field with the United Nations continuously for over 50 years, through which:
 - (i) peacekeeping has involved members of Australian Defence Force, civilians and Australian police;
 - (ii) since 1964, Australian police have served in Cyprus and places as widely separated as Cambodia, Haiti, Mozambique, Bougainville and Timor; and
 - (iii) peacekeepers are often at the centre of dangerous conflicts and are exposed to the impacts of war;
- (3) recognises those who are on peacekeeping missions at the moment, as we assist the United Nations with its mission in the Republic of South Sudan and looks forward to their safe return;
- (4) congratulates all those who have worked hard to deliver the new Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project on Anzac Parade; and
- (5) remembers and pays tribute all those who have served Australia in peacekeeping operations, those who have been wounded and the 14 Australians who lost their lives whilst on peacekeeping operations.

(Notice given 4 September 2017.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Rishworth — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

7 MR WALLACE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) according to Australian Bureau of Statistics figures one in five Australians report having a mental or behavioural condition, while the prevalence is highest among people aged 18 to 24; and
 - (b) data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare suggests that 54 per cent of people with a mental illness do not access treatment;
- (2) congratulates the Government for its engagement with the mental health community and for its measures to support mental health in Australia including:
 - (a) additional investment of \$170 million in mental health programs in the 2017 budget including \$80 million to maintain community psycho-social services for people with mental illness who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, \$11.1 million to prevent suicide in specific locations where it is a frequent occurrence, \$15 million to support mental health research initiatives such as the Thompson Institute on the Sunshine Coast and \$50 million for mental illness prevention and support for serving Australian Defence Force members, veterans and their families; and
 - (b) investment of:
 - (i) \$9.5 million to expand mental health first aid training in 14 high risk communities; and
 - (ii) \$9.1 million to support rural telehealth services for mental health and the appointment of the first National Rural Health Commissioner;
- (3) encourages the Government to continue this focused work and to seek additional ways to support the mental health of Australians; and
- (4) further encourages anyone who believes that they might be suffering from a mental illness to seek immediate help from their General Practitioner or a qualified mental health practitioner.

(Notice given 16 August 2017.)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Wallace — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 10 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

8 MR PERRETT: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the scientific consensus about climate change, and particularly the role of human activity in driving it, is undeniable;
 - (b) the case for real and immediate action on climate change has never been stronger; and
 - (c) renewable energy, when combined with storage, is the most economical method of creating new and reliable power;
- (2) recognises that the:
 - (a) decisions we make now concerning environment, climate and energy policy will have lasting and profound affects for the future; and
 - (b) transition to a low carbon economy will provide significant opportunities for regional development; and
- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) commit to:
 - (i) utilising the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility for investments that deliver real benefits to communities in Northern Australia, now and into the future; and
 - (ii) a considered and integrated energy policy in Northern Queensland that actively supports the transition to a low carbon economy; and
 - (b) recommit to protecting Australia's marine resources, like the Great Barrier Reef, from modern and evolving threats, to ensure their economic benefits can be borne by future generations.

(Notice given 4 September 2017.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Perrett — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

Orders of the day

1 COAL: Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2017*) on the motion of Mr Christensen.

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 7.30 pm

Speech time limits —

All Members speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 7 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

13 September 2017