HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

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Ministerial responses

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Report summarising the ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session in the 47th Parliament on 29 November 2023.

1. The following 21 ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Industry and Science to a petition requesting the establishment of a government assistance scheme to assist with the rectification of combustible cladding **(EN4146)**

From the Minister for Indigenous Australians to a petition requesting a referendum to remove discriminatory laws and acknowledge First Nations peoples in the Constitution (EN4425)

From the Minister for the Environment and Water to a petition requesting that all new coal and gas approvals be paused **(EN4967)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister to a petition regarding the remuneration of parliamentarians and superannuation arrangements **(EN5130)**

From the Minister for Industry and Science to petitions regarding the impacts of Artificial Intelligence (EN5163, EN5172, EN5215)

From the Minister for Indigenous Australians to a petition requesting the House vote against the Voice referendum legislation **(EN5231)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding reinstating stripped citizenship (EN5232)

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that gender affirming care not be covered under Medicare (EN5252)

From the Minister for the Environment and Water to a petition regarding chemical deployments into the atmosphere **(EN5255)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to petitions requesting that gender affirming care be covered under Medicare (EN5256, EN5257)

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting that the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023 be rejected **(EN5258)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding the implementation of reforms to residential aged care facilities (EN5259)

From the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories to a petition requesting that the Australian Government override Australian Capital Territory legislation providing for the compulsory acquisition of Calvary Hospital (EN5264)

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting the removal of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023 (EN5295)

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to a petition requesting the implementation of standards and requirements on new passenger vehicles (EN5317)

From the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to a petition requesting the classification of flea, tick and heartworm treatments as Schedule 4 in the Poison Standard (EN5359)

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding reports of human rights violations in Bangladesh and concerns about upcoming elections **(EN5376)**

From the Assistant Minister for Social Services regarding the Disability Support Pension partner income test **(EN5382)**

From the Special Minister of State to a petition regarding matters relating to the Australian Electoral Commission **(EN5421)**

From the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to a petition requesting an end to live animal export **(EN5439)**

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Ms Susan Templeman MP Chair – Petitions Committee