

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 17

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

23 October 2017

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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 Wednesday 18 September 2017.

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

From 1501 petitioners – requesting approval for the provision of after hours Pharmaceutical Benefits for the township of Hastings **(PN0103)**

From 47 petitioners – requesting greater accessibility to the Great Barrier Reef for marine biologists **(PN0106)**

From 51 petitioners – requesting free dental be included in Medicare **(PN0108)**

From 45 petitioners – requesting the legal drinking age be raised to 21 **(PN0109)**

From 110 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0110)**

From 288 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0111)**

From 194 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0112)**

From 126 petitioners – requesting amendments to legislation for deeming rates **(PN0114)**

From 895 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0116)**

From 376 petitioners – requesting the House petition to end the cruel treatment of cats and dogs in China and South Korea **(PN0117)**

From 202 petitioners – requesting an end to the immigration detention of children **(PN0118)**

From 132 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0120)**

From 119 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0121)**

From 20 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0123)**

From 225 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0124)**

From 78 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0125)**

From 40 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0126)**

From 27 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0127)**

From 45 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0129)**

From 17 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0130)**

From 35 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0132)**

From 21 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0133)**

From 14 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0134)**

From 22 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0135)**

From 13 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0136)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0137)**

From 7 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0138)**

From 37 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0139)**

From 19 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0140)**

From 40 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0141)**

From 32 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0142)**

From 7 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0143)**

From 15 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0144)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0145)**

From 40 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0146)**

From 43 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0147)**

From 57 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0148)**

From 29 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0149)**

From 1937 petitioners – requesting additional funding for the Northern Rivers Rail Trail **(PN0150)**

From 757 petitioners - requesting action on climate change **(PN0152)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding military superannuation splitting and entitlements **(EN0047)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition requesting action on climate change **(EN0132)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition requesting action for ‘Forgotten Australians’ **(EN0141)**

From the Minister for Communications - to a petition regarding the ability to contact emergency services over the National Broadband Network **(EN0166)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding the paid parental leave scheme **(EN0172)**

From the Assistant Minister for Health – to a petition requesting changes to food labelling laws **(EN0176)**

From the Deputy Prime Minister – to a petition requesting the removal of Halal certification from all domestic products **(EN0190)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection - to a petition requesting changes to citizenship requirements **(EN0193)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection - to a petition opposing changes to citizenship requirements **(EN0194)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection - to a petition opposing changes to citizenship requirements **(EN0200)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection - to a petition opposing changes to citizenship requirements **(EN0205)**

From the Minister for Communications – to a petition requesting a review of the allocation of postcode 4306 **(EN0210)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection - to a petition regarding changes to citizenship requirements **(EN0213)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting changes to Australian Official Development Assistance **(EN0225)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting assistance for Julian Assange **(EN0234)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection - to a petition opposing changes to citizenship requirements **(EN0237)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Wahhabism in Australia **(EN0260)**

From the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia – to a petition regarding Australia’s relationship with Saudi Arabia **(EN0260)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the Paris Agreement on climate change **(EN0264)**

From the Minister for Veteran’s Affairs – to a petition regarding Gold Cards for veterans **(EN0269)**

From the Minister for Regional Communications – to a petition regarding the mobile phone black spot program **(EN0033)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Australian Official Development Assistance **(PN0065)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister – to two petitions regarding drug testing and a code of conduct for Parliamentarians **(EN0221 and EN0265)**

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

Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

Chair – Petitions Committee