

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 27**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**20 August 2018**

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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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 15 August 2018.**

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

From 938 petitioners – regarding extra fees for consumers who would prefer to receive paper invoices **(PN0359)**

From 110 petitioners – regarding a care visa and work permit for a Bosnian family in Australia **(PN0360)**

From 234 petitioners – requesting a change to Australia’s asylum seeker policy **(PN0361)**

From 11 petitioners – regarding the impact of the Carmichael coal mine project in the Galilee Basin, Queensland **(PN0362)**

**The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding Disability Support Pension (DSP) recipients’ access to and funding of sleep apnea equipment **(EN0383)**

From the Treasurer – to a petition regarding disallowable deductions for travel expenses for residential rental property **(EN0447)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding financial assistance for tertiary students via Youth Allowance, Family Tax Benefit and the Health Care Card **(EN0476)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding Indonesia’s sovereignty over the two Papua provinces **(EN0492)**

From the Special Minister of State – to a petition requesting that “none of the above” be an option on ballot papers for Australian federal elections **(EN0501)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding constitutional heads of power for Commonwealth legislation **(EN0504)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia’s regional processing and settlement policy for asylum seekers **(EN0507)**

From the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding the commencement date of the general residency requirement for Australian citizenship **(EN0508)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding colonoscopy waiting times **(EN0513)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting that the definition of marriage be amended to be the “union of a man and a woman entered into for life” **(EN0522)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting that S44 of the Australian Constitution be amended to allow those with dual or multiple nationalities to sit in the Federal Parliament **(EN0528)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection – to a petition Regarding Australia’s regional processing and settlement policy for asylum seekers **(EN0540)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition requesting tougher penalties for child sex offences, including the death penalty **(EN0556)**

From the Assistant Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding the illegal trade in elephant ivory and rhino horn **(EN0565)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding the Assurance of Support scheme **(EN0570)**

From the Minister for Law Enforcement and Cyber Security – to a petition requesting that air passengers be able to opt out of a body scan and undergo an alternative method of security screening **(EN0571)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding the Assurance of Support scheme **(EN0578)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding the Assurance of Support scheme **(EN0580)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition requesting action on climate change **(PN0099)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection – to a petition regarding Australia’s regional processing and settlement arrangements in Papua New Guinea **(PN0346)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding nomenclature for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia **(PN0348)**

From the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport – to a petition regarding funding to travellers across Bass Strait **(PN0352)**

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

**Mrs Lucy Wicks MP**

**Chair – Petitions Committee**