

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 10

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

2 March 2020

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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 12 February and 26 February 2020.

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

From 1 petitioner – requesting that seismic testing be banned in NSW
(PN0463)

From 1 petitioner – requesting that 27 May be made the official date for Australia Day **(PN0464)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting a new Australian flag design **(PN0465)**

From 1 petitioner – regarding the preamble for the Australian Constitution
(PN0466)

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition requesting a referendum on a carbon tax and on a plastic tax **(EN0968)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction **AND** from the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding withdrawal from the United Nations Paris Agreement, construction of dams, renewable energy subsidies and the construction of government owned coal fired power stations **AND** regarding punishment of migrants who break Australia’s laws **(EN0983)**

From the Minister for Education– to a petition regarding stopping taxpayer funding for all private and religious schools **(EN0992)**

From the Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology – to a petition requesting the right of financial scam victims to know the name of the individual who scammed them **(EN1017)**

From the Leader of the House – to a petition regarding the Australian parliamentary sitting schedule **(EN1024)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition requesting that a new category covering suicidal imagery in films and television be included in the National Classification Code **(EN1054)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition requesting positive action on climate change **(EN1085)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding climate change and the use of nuclear power as a cleaner energy source **(EN1086)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding the policy and science of climate change **(EN1090)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding increasing the rate of the Aged Pension **(EN1091)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding the lowering of the excise on tobacco **(EN1100)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding the inclusion of alternative therapeutic interventions to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people **(EN1108)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition requesting action on climate change **(EN1110)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the Extinction Rebellion protests **(EN1121)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding family report writers and Independent Children’s Lawyers (ICLs) in family law matters **(EN1126)**

From the Minister for Government Services – to a petition regarding the balancing of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) and Child Care Subsidy (CCS) **(EN1127)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding Newstart Allowance and related payments **(PN0447)**

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

Hon Justine Elliot MP

Deputy Chair – Petitions Committee