

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 33

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

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Report summarising the petitions and Ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session on 29 September, 20 October and 27 October 2021.

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

Petitions certified by the Committee on 29 September

From 47 petitioners – requesting income preservation during COVID-19 lockdowns **(EN3230)**

From 13358 petitioners – requesting that COVID-19 vaccines not be made mandatory **(EN3233)**

From 68 petitioners – requesting changes to vaccine administration procedures **(EN3234)**

From 194 petitioners – requesting mandatory drug and alcohol testing for all Members of Parliament **(EN3238)**

From 6307 petitioners – requesting for the use of rapid antigen tests to detect COVID-19 to be implemented nation-wide **(EN3239)**

From 4712 petitioners – requesting for the Omnipod DASH insulin pump to be subsidised on the NDSS **(EN3240)**

From 9627 petitioners – requesting that vaccine passports not be implemented **(EN3241)**

From 40 petitioners – regarding home ownership and related taxes and charges **(EN3249)**

From 282 petitioners – requesting that the *Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Bill 2021* not pass the House **(EN3250)**

From 34 petitioners – requesting legislative change to the CDDA Scheme **(EN3251)**

From 326 petitioners – requesting that the *Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Bill 2021* not pass the House **(EN3253)**

From 55 petitioners – requesting the prevention of importing Chinese made COVID-19 vaccines **(EN3260)**

From 314 petitioners – requesting travel exemptions for the children of student visa holders **(EN3262)**

From 20 petitioners – regarding unsolicited political campaign messages **(EN3264)**

From 5686 petitioners – regarding COVID-19 measures **(EN3266)**

From 6763 petitioners – requesting the termination of COVID-19 emergency measures **(EN3277)**

From 4379 petitioners – requesting the recognition of Hinduphobia **(EN3280)**

From 123 petitioners – requesting for all forms of wisdom tooth extractions to be covered by Medicare **(EN3282)**

From 3069 petitioners – requesting recognition of the Republic of China (Taiwan) **(EN3283)**

From 163744 petitioners – requesting that the *Biosecurity Amendment (Enhanced Risk Management) Bill 2021* not pass the House **(EN3285)**

From 92 petitioners – requesting for a ban on gambling advertising **(EN3287)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting political party exemptions be removed from *The Spam Act 2003* **(EN3288)**

From 253 petitioners – requesting that the *Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Bill 2021* not pass the House **(EN3289)**

From 4038 petitioners – requesting the Doherty Institute Modelling Report for National Cabinet on COVID-19 be rejected **(EN3292)**

From 128 petitioners – requesting the Home Builder Grant be reinstated for all eligible homebuilder and renovators **(EN3293)**

From 144 petitioners – requesting the Home Builder Grant be reinstated for all eligible homebuilder and renovators **(EN3294)**

From 132 petitioners – requesting the Home Builder Grant be reinstated for all eligible homebuilder and renovators **(EN3295)**

From 24 petitioners – requesting that political parties be prevented from sending spam text messages **(EN3296)**

From 233 petitioners – requesting that politicians take a pay cut **(EN3298)**

From 1583 petitioners – regarding vaccine choice for COVID-19 **(EN3305)**

From 5176 petitioners – requesting that no COVID-19 health pass be implemented **(EN3310)**

From 477 petitioners – requesting an end to COVID-19 emergency measures **(EN3311)**

From 13973 petitioners – regarding freedom of COVID-19 vaccine choice **(EN3313)**

From 38 petitioners – requesting resources and funding be allocated for dementia and Alzheimer's research **(EN3314)**

From 5419 petitioners – requesting that no COVID-19 vaccine passport be implemented **(EN3315)**

From 83 petitioners – requesting home quarantine be used in place of hotel quarantine to manage COVID-19 infections **(EN3318)**

From 25 petitioners – requesting that political parties be prevented from sending spam text messages **(EN3328)**

From 4880 petitioners – requesting that political parties be prevented from sending spam text messages **(EN3329)**

From 331 petitioners – requesting migrants' parents be considered immediate family on visa applications **(EN3332)**

From 83 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(EN3335)**

From 1138 petitioners – requesting action regarding crimes against the people of Tigray **(EN3340)**

From 157 petitioners – requesting reform of the child support scheme **(EN3349)**

From 9204 petitioners – requesting that mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations and vaccine passports not be implemented **(EN3350)**

From 838 petitioners – requesting that suppression orders protecting pedophiles be lifted and investigated **(EN3351)**

From 6223 petitioners – requesting that vaccine passports not be implemented **(EN3352)**

From 101 petitioners – requesting a choice of COVID-19 vaccines for over people aged over 59 **(EN3353)**

From 41 petitioners – regarding false advertising of emissions targets **(EN3355)**

From 1712 petitioners – requesting that the *Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Bill 2021* not pass the House **(EN3356)**

From 665 petitioners – requesting that vaccinated Australians be permitted to travel overseas **(EN3357)**

From 628 petitioners – requesting the age of consent for COVID-19 vaccinations be increased to 16 years old **(EN3359)**

From 2258 petitioners – requesting a reduction of the cost of financial advice for consumers **(EN3360)**

From 39 petitioners – requesting an amendment to the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986* **(EN3361)**

From 78 petitioners – requesting an amendment to the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986* **(EN3362)**

From 105201 petitioners – requesting the TGA statement on Ivermectin be repealed **(EN3364)**

From 13271 petitioners – requesting an increase to the maximum amount of parent visas being granted **(EN3366)**

From 20 petitioners – requesting an amendment to the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986* **(EN3367)**

From 14170 petitioners – requesting that suppression orders protecting pedophiles be lifted and investigated **(EN3374)**

From 59849 petitioners – requesting the AHPRA edict, that determines what advice health practitioners can provide about COVID-19, be removed **(EN3375)**

From 57 petitioners – requesting a digital rescue package for the travel industry **(EN3379)**

From 314 petitioners – requesting federal funding for eating disorder services **(EN3380)**

From 11652 petitioners – requesting the AHPRA edict, that determines what advice health practitioners can provide about COVID-19, be removed
(EN3381)

From 161 petitioners – requesting the removal of compulsory HECS-HELP debts for higher education **(EN3384)**

From 196 petitioners – requesting that the purchase of nuclear-powered submarines not go ahead **(EN3385)**

From 203 petitioners – requesting subsidies for electric vehicles **(EN3386)**

From 49 petitioners – requesting funding incentives for renewable human energy resource at gyms **(EN3387)**

From 69 petitioners – regarding the ABC's reporting of a specific immigration claim **(EN3396)**

Petitions certified on 20 October

From 898 petitioners –requesting assistance for refugee visas for an Afghan family **(EN3265)**

From 31 petitioners – requesting visibility of decisions made under the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986* **(EN3399)**

From 20 petitioners – requesting recognition of the genocide of the Yazidis **(EN3404)**

From 551 petitioners – requesting rejection of *Biosecurity Amendment (Enhanced Risk Management) Bill 2021* **(EN3405)**

From 2635 petitioners – requesting the restoration of 2 Squadron Special Air Service Regiment to the Order of Battle **(EN3407)**

From 613 petitioners – requesting a review of LANTITE results which prevent those who have completed study becoming teachers **(EN3408)**

From 84 petitioners – requesting expedited vaccination of disabled vulnerable Australians **(EN3410)**

From 58214 petitioners – requesting to condemn public policy vaccination program for all Australians **(EN3411)**

From 721 petitioners – requesting a COVID-19 vaccine consent form **(EN3413)**

From 289 petitioners – requesting lower the standard cycle threshold for PCR testing **(EN3416)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting release of international travel details **(EN3418)**

From 122 petitioners – requesting to develop a national minimum standard to for food additives in ruminant farming **(EN3420)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting the regulation of micro-transactions in video games and the banning of loot boxes **(EN3421)**

From 32 petitioners – requesting amendment to the tooth wear Statement of Principle in the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986* **(EN3423)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting a breach of statutory duty of Australia Post delivery of services **(EN3424)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting to accept international students fully vaccinated with WHO approved vaccines **(EN3425)**

From 261 petitioners – regarding biosecurity and human rights **(EN3428)**

From 474 petitioners – requesting further testing of COVID-19 vaccine side effects **(EN3430)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting French TGV fast trains between Melbourne, Sydney and other cities **(EN3432)**

From 72 petitioners – requesting control of television advertisements for gambling **(EN3434)**

From 122 petitioners – requesting to reopen the Home Builder Grant to all eligible homebuilders and renovators **(EN3435)**

From 104 petitioners – requesting to expedite the introduction of Valvena as an alternative vaccine **(EN3436)**

From 22 petitioners – requesting a media ban on images of accidents for 48 hours so that family contact and investigations can take place **(EN3438)**

From 85 petitioners – requesting the establishment of a Federal ICAC **(EN3442)**

From 19530 petitioners – requesting to impose targeted sanctions on the Myanmar military coup leaders **(EN3443)**

From 105 petitioners – requesting additional Medicare rebates for mental health services **(EN3447)**

From 16 petitioners – requesting to ban the casting of overweight and obese children in visual advertisements **(EN3449)**

From 45 petitioners – requesting easier access to the NDIS for forgotten Australians **(EN3450)**

From 220 petitioners – requesting free period products for all Australian women and girls **(EN3454)**

From 57 petitioners – requesting a change of law to allow Australian workers the 'right to disconnect' outside work hours **(EN3457)**

From 118 petitioners – requesting to consider the administration of inactivated COVID-19 vaccine options already recognised by the TGA **(EN3458)**

From 171 petitioners – requesting condemnation of voting rights violations in the 2021 Russian Parliament elections **(EN3459)**

From 39 petitioners – requesting a review of Serco contractual conditions relating to the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation **(EN3460)**

From 258 petitioners – requesting dental care be covered by Medicare **(EN3461)**

From 282 petitioners – requesting to allow the Murugappan family to return home to Biloela **(EN3462)**

From 16808 petitioners – requesting to allow temporary visa holders automatic return when the borders reopen **(EN3463)**

From 89 petitioners – requesting the exclusion of unvaccinated individuals without medical exemption from Medicare benefits **(EN3468)**

From 293 petitioners – requesting a Federal ICAC be established **(EN3470)**

From 105 petitioners – requesting an increase to the pension for disadvantaged Australians **(EN3471)**

From 110 petitioners – requesting a crackdown on scams **(EN3472)**

From 47 petitioners – requesting the suspension of trade with Denmark due to slaughter of whales and dolphins in the Faroe Islands **(EN3477)**

From 100 petitioners – requesting bulk billing for all concession card holders **(EN3480)**

From 87 petitioners – requesting a significant increase in funding for public eating disorder programs **(EN3482)**

From 78 petitioners – requesting to abolish the luxury car tax **(EN3483)**

From 8951 petitioners – requesting the designation of Facebook under the News Media Bargaining Code **(EN3485)**

From 709 petitioners – requesting a Federal ICAC be established **(EN3486)**

From 309 petitioners – regarding asylum seekers on Manus Island and Nauru **(EN3490)**

From 46 petitioners – regarding the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* **EN3494)**

Petitions certified on 27 October

From 215 petitioners – to a petition requesting the acknowledgement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart **(PN0521)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

Received by the Committee on 27 October

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs – to a petition regarding the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* **(EN2567)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs – to a petition regarding the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* **(EN2581)**

From the Minister for Education and Youth – to a petition regarding hours used by childcare providers **(EN2632)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding overseas travel for permanent residents and citizens to visit family members **(EN2677)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that vaccine passports be outlawed **(EN2711)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition seeking the inclusion of perspective marriage visa holders as an exempt category for travel to Australia **(EN2771)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition requesting an Australia-wide expansion of Operation Vest and the Sexual Assault Reporting Options data base **(EN2816)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition seeking the inclusion of perspective marriage visa holders as an exempt category for travel to Australia **(EN2842)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that vaccines not be made mandatory **(EN2849)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that workers with children be prioritised for COVID-19 vaccines **(EN2850)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition requesting transparency in the travel exemptions decision making process **(EN2857)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that bus drivers be prioritised for COVID-19 vaccines **(EN2863)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition concerning access to COVID-19 vaccines for those over 60 years of age **(EN2876)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that vaccines not be made mandatory **(EN2912)**

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