

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 8

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

27 March 2023

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Report summarising the petitions and ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session in the 47th Parliament on 15 February 2023, 8 March 2023 and 22 March 2023.

1. The committee resolved to present the following 9 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

From 18 petitioners - regarding funding for Trove **(EN4791)**

From 2627 petitioners – regarding the processing time of Parent Visa applications **(EN4798)**

From 15 petitioners – regarding the access to Australia of vaccinated people without health insurance **(EN4799)**

From 748 petitioners – regarding the housing crisis action, regulation of rental increases and vacancy tax **(EN4800)**

From 26 petitioners - requesting to bring the Australian Rail Track Corporation under direct government control **(EN4802)**

From 23 petitioners - requesting routine screening for sepsis in Australia **(EN4805)**

From 117 petitioners - regarding Santos Gas Fracking and protecting the Surat Artesian Basin **(EN4806)**

From 65 petitioners - requesting to lower the cost of diesel **(EN4807)**

From 1 petitioner - regarding tick-borne infection testing, treatment and record-keeping in Australia **(PN0556)**

2. The following 22 ministerial responses to petitions were received by the Committee on 22 March 2023:

From the Attorney-General regarding nationally consistent coercive control laws **(EN1948)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition regarding asylum seekers on Manus and Nauru **(EN3490)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition regarding Telstra's commitment to the Universal Service Obligation **(EN3609)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding citizenship for children born in Australia **(EN3934)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting to make the legal age of owning a mobile phone 18 **(EN4495)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition requesting the addition of Gymnastics Australia to the National Redress Scheme **(EN4498)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition regarding false allegations in court **(EN4506)**

From the Special Minister of State to a petition regarding voting in Australia **(EN4539)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the extradition of Julian Assange **(EN4577)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition requesting the regulation of disability parking in Australia **(EN4583)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition requesting the introduction of a universal basic income **(EN4584)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the situation in Jammu and Kashmir **(EN4592)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding the social security partner income test **(EN4606)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the conflict in Tigray, northern Ethiopia **(EN4617)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the conflict in Tigray, northern Ethiopia **(EN4619)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding the restriction of chemicals used in e-cigarettes **(EN4624)**

From the Assistant Minister for the Republic regarding a transition into a republic government **(EN4626)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding the inclusion of autoimmune conditions under COVID 19 vaccine claims scheme **(EN4631)**

From the Minister of Social Services to a petition requesting Jobseeker payments for Masters of Teaching students **(EN4637)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting to legalise, regulate and tax all drugs **(EN4642)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding Medicare subsidised psychology sessions **(EN4643)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to petitions regarding support from Australia to the people of Iran **(PN0549, PN0550, EN4572, EN4567, EN4590, EN4632)**

Correction to previous presentation

In Report No. 7 presented on 20 March 2023—

Change:

The committee met in private session in the 47th Parliament on 8 March 2023.

To:

The committee met in private session in the 47th Parliament on 8 February 2023, 15 February 2023 and 8 March 2023.

**Ms Susan Templeman MP
Chair – Petitions Committee**