

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 20**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**7 December 2020**



## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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| Chair        | Mr Ken O'Dowd MP      |
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**Report summarising the petitions and Ministerial responses being presented.**

**The committee met in private session on 2 December 2020.**

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

***Petition certified on 2 December 2020***

**From 576 petitioners – regarding the persecution of Falun Gong in China  
(PN0490)**

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

***Ministerial responses considered on 2 December 2020***

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding access to Australia’s visa programs by British Overseas Nationals resident in Hong Kong **(EN1066)**

From the Deputy Prime Minister – to a petition regarding Australia’s water supply and security **(EN1081)**

From the Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure – to a petition regarding the reduction of the immigration rate **(EN1263)**

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition requesting an extension for Working Holiday Maker visas during COVID-19 **(EN1486)**

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition requesting an extension for Working Holiday Maker visas during COVID-19 **(EN1495)**

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition requesting an extension for Working Holiday Maker visas during COVID-19 **(EN1513)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition requesting an investigation into the health effects of 5G mobile technology **(EN1541)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition requesting an investigation into the health effects of 5G mobile technology **(EN1542)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition regarding Australia Post **(EN1543)**

From the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding faster processing of Partner Visa applications **(EN1583)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts – to a petition requesting a moratorium on the roll-out of 5G mobile technology **(EN1594)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding the destruction of the Banjima people’s cultural sites **(EN1640)**

From the Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding Actor and Arts JobKeeper **(EN1641)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet – to a petition requesting ‘I am Australian’, written by Bruce Woodley, to be made the Australian National Anthem **(EN1642)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting the establishment of a federal independent anti-corruption body **(EN1649)**

From the Speaker – to a petition regarding the e-petitions platform for the House of Representatives **(EN1656)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding proposed restrictions on the importation of nicotine for use in e-cigarettes **(EN1667)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet – to a petition requesting the Australian National Anthem be changed to ‘I am Australian’, by The Seekers **(EN1671)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding the impact of chronic pain on the community **(EN1673)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting a Royal Commission into ‘Robodebt’ **(EN1683)**

From the Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer – to a petition requesting amendments to the Australian Consumer Law regarding refunds **(EN1686)**



From the Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding the Boosting Cash Flow for Employers measure **(EN1699)**

From the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters – to a petition requesting the withdrawal of support for charities that refuse to sign the National Redress Scheme **(EN1702)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding disturbances to flying-fox camps **(EN1714)**

From the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters – to a petition regarding the charitable status of religious organisations **(EN1718)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding the access to Medicare by foreign trained doctors **(EN1728)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding reforms contained in the *National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1) 2014* **(EN1742)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting the introduction of superannuation splitting laws for Western Australian de facto couples **(EN1743)**

From the Minister for Education – to a petition regarding the quality and integrity of Australia’s higher education system **(EN1763)**

From the Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer – to a petition requesting an extension to JobKeeper for all Australian permanent residents **(EN1769)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet – to a petition requesting a referendum on Australia becoming a Republic and to implement a Declaration of Independence and a Bill of Rights **(EN1792)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding no mandatory vaccination for COVID-19 **(EN1803)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding legislation preventing the Australian Government from enacting mandatory vaccines **(EN1804)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding no mandatory vaccination for COVID-19 **(EN1807)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet – to a petition requesting an amendment of the *Flags Act 1953* or the *Copyright Act 1968* to prevent individuals and corporations claiming exclusive copyright in relation to the Australian Aboriginal Flag **(EN1814)**

From the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management – to a petition regarding Australian pets stranded overseas **(EN1824)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding cannabis products **(EN1827)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding the inclusion of dental treatment in Medicare **(EN1835)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding provisions relating to COVID-19 vaccines in Australia **(EN1837)**

**Mr Ken O’Dowd**

**Chair – Petitions Committee**