

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 2**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**7 November 2022**

## **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 47<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 7 September, 14 September 2022, 28 September 2022 and 26 October 2022.**

**1. The committee resolved to present the following 172 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:**

***Petitions certified on 7 September 2022***

From 4 petitioners – funding for an arena in Canberra **(EN4104)**

From 12 petitioners - requesting federal action to address the Australian housing crisis **(EN4105)**

From 1 petitioner - requesting review of the TGA decision to not recognise Sinopharm for over 60s **(EN4107)**

From 1 petitioner - requesting review of the TGA decision to not recognise Sinopharm for over 60s **(EN4108)**

From 6 petitioners - requesting abolition of the pre-approval for Australian Partner Visa Pathways **(EN4109)**

From 11 petitioners - requesting the establishment of a film task force to develop and fund *G.I. Jane 2* **(EN4114)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting the removal of any Medicare levy surcharge penalty applied to fully insured spouse **(EN4118)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting assistance for 491 and 494 visa holders for buying property **(EN4119)**

From 6 petitioners - requesting assistance for Ukraine **(EN4122)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting the government to bring back JobKeeper for flood affected regions **(EN4125)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting non-for-profit homeless support be available 7 days a week **(EN4130)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting the end of international travel restrictions for all unvaccinated Australians **(EN4135)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting amendment to the Distribution Priority Area classification for the electorate of Bowman **(EN4139)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting the reintroduction of the Cadet Corps in schools **(EN4143)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting a 10- point Plan for Nature **(EN4145)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting Government assistance scheme to help with cladding rectification **(EN4146)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting legislation to allow nuclear fusion energy development in Australia **(EN4147)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting financial support for Vaxine and their COVAX-19/Spikogen vaccine **(EN4149)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting that the IPCC Climate Change recommendations are made into law **(EN4156)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting safer communities through rehabilitation under Medicare **(EN4157)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting FHO grants for people with lifelong disabilities and carers **(EN4158)**

From 6 petitioners - requesting compulsory Covid-19 vaccines for all members of parliament. **(EN4159)**

From 177 petitioners - requesting labelling that includes the amount of food in a serving size **(EN4163)**

From 36 petitioners - requesting payment for healthcare trainees during their placement hours **(EN4166)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting it be a criminal offence to provide false political advertising **(EN4167)**

From 30 petitioners - requesting the legalisation of the use, cultivation and processing of recreational cannabis **(EN4168)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting AstraZeneca EVULSHELD be available for all immunocompromised Australians **(EN4169)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting an increase to the bridging visa b application process speed **(EN4177)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting a lower price of diesel fuel **(EN4179)**

From 11 petitioners - requesting a ban on mobile phone base stations in residential/rural residential lots **(EN4182)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting a functioning computer system for detainees at the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation **(EN4186)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting the ability to smoke within the MITA compound and buildings **(EN4187)**

From 1 petitioner - requesting the Agricultural Trade and Market Access Cooperation (ATMAC) funding /grant for infant formula be rescinded or redirected **(EN4188)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Veterans Acts **(EN4196)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting an update to the Fair Work Act to validate employee grief from losing pets **(EN4198)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting an audit on visa processing timeframes **(EN4200)**

From 195 petitioners - requesting the prevention of ‘outing’ of lgbt youth **(EN4201)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting Overseas Visitors Health Cover (OVHC) **(EN4202)**

From 13 petitioners - requesting that the WHO pandemic treaty only be approved via public referendum **(EN4203)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting an amendment to the Spam Act to include a mandatory unsubscribe option for political messaging **(EN4204)**

From 6 petitioners - requesting a new definition for "evidence" under the Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986 (VEA) **(EN4205)**

From 6 petitioners - requesting mandatory CO2 vehicle emissions standards **(EN4208)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting a new single-site regional public hospital for Albury-Wodonga **(EN4211)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting sanctions for a corrupt individual **(EN4213)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting Australia does not enter into any WHO pandemic treaty **(EN4216)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting Australia does not enter into any WHO pandemic treaty **(EN4218)**

From 8 petitioners - requesting Australia does not sign amendments to the WHO Pandemic Treaty **(EN4220)**

From 13 petitioners - requesting Australia does not sign the WHO Pandemic Treaty **(EN4224)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting a public referendum before entering into any WHO pandemic treaty **(EN4225)**

From 22 petitioners - requesting Australia does not enter into any treaty with the World Health Organisation (WHO) **(EN4229)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting the disclosure of outcomes associated with signing the WHO pandemic treaty **(EN4230)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting a public referendum before entering into any WHO pandemic treaty **(EN4232)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting a public referendum before entering into any WHO pandemic treaty **(EN4233)**

From 13 petitioners - requesting a public referendum before entering into any WHO pandemic treaty **(EN4236)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting the government sign the Intergovernmental Declaration on Children, Youth and Climate Action **(EN4242)**

From 4946 petitioners - requesting a moratorium on regional bank closures and a new inquiry **(EN4244)**

From 8 petitioners - requesting increased wages for aged care and disability support workers **(EN4246)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting all Australians to pay the Medicare levy **(EN4248)**

From 16 petitioners - requesting a public referendum before entering into any WHO pandemic treaty **(EN4255)**

From 1 petitioner - requesting all 489 visa holders to have equal rights **(EN4256)**

From 8 petitioners - requesting actions to expand media diversity **(EN4258)**

From 5235 petitioners - requesting tax changes for Australians living overseas **(EN4259)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting a change to asylum seeker policy **(EN4260)**

From 26 petitioners - requesting Australia not sign any W.H.O. Pandemic Treaty **(EN4266)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting a review of the Child Support System **(EN4267)**

From 12 petitioners - requesting Australia to formally recognize the nation of Taiwan **(EN4268)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting initiation of the IAEA milestones approach to implement nuclear technology **(EN4269)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting the grant of eligible 887 visa applications immediately **(EN4271)**

From 7 petitioners - requesting changes to the Interactive Gambling Act to include video game loot-boxes and microtransactions **(EN4272)**

From 20 petitioners - requesting the removal of a ban on online poker **(EN4274)**

From 33 petitioners - requesting Make Trikafta available for all persons with Cystic Fibrosis **(EN4275)**

From 8 petitioners - requesting the imposition of a total economic embargo on the Russian Federation **(EN4276)**

From 19 petitioners - requesting the removal of legislation preventing nuclear power plants in Australia **(EN4278)**

From 39 petitioners - requesting more extensive military aid to Ukraine **(EN4279)**

From 31 petitioners - requesting that Ukraine be included into the Australian Generalized System of Tariff Preferences **(EN4280)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting early retirement for veterans and emergency service personnel **(EN4281)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting that Hawkesbury be removed from 491 visa Regional Area **(EN4282)**

From 7 petitioners - requesting the utilisation of unoccupied dwellings **(EN4283)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting dedicated PTSD counselling for generational victims **(EN4294)**

From 11 petitioners - requesting top surgery and bottom surgery should be covered by Medicare **(EN4296)**



From 10 petitioners - requesting strengthened penalties for price gouging activities **(EN4297)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting controls of state expenditure of funds to ensure fair access to medical facilities and resources **(EN4298)**

From 20 petitioners - requesting solar feed in tariff rates to rise with electricity rates **(EN4301)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting the allocation of more case officers to process 887 visa applications **(EN4306)**

From 49 petitioners - requesting the Australian government insist on the return of Julian Assange to Australia **(EN4310)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting that social media be made illegal for under 18s in Australia **(EN4314)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting the return of consulate services in Bangladesh for visa processing **(EN4315)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting homeowners be allowed to install data cabling **(EN4318)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting a ban on products produced by Uyghur forced labour **(EN4321)**

From 7 petitioners - requesting play therapy to be included in the NDIS **(EN4324)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting funding for an integrated road and public transport plan for the electorate of Ryan **(EN4326)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting extension of stays in Australia for stranded temporary visa holders through COVID **(EN4327)**

From 12 petitioners - requesting the recognition of endometriosis as a disability **(EN4330)**

From 23 petitioners - requesting Government inquiry into HECs **(EN4332)**

From 2753 petitioners - requesting a declaration of the Russian government and armed forces as terrorist organisations **(EN4333)**

From 1 petitioners - requesting help for Temporary Graduate visa (485) holders **(EN4339)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting help for Temporary Graduate visa (485) holders **(EN4340)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting a co-payment CGM subsidy for insulin dependent type 2 diabetics **(EN4341)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting a review and update child support services and payments **(EN4342)**

From 30 petitioners - requesting an investigation into chem trails **(EN4343)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting full marriage equality in Australia for consensual incest-oriented adults **(EN4345)**

From 8 petitioners - requesting Viagogo and its website be banned from trading in Australia **(EN4350)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting processing time standards for Australia Border Force cargo release **(EN4352)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting changes to the Veterans Entitlement 1986 Act (VEA) to avoid procedural apprehended bias **(EN4353)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting action on humanitarian issues in occupied Jammu and Kashmir **(EN4356)**

From 38 petitioners - requesting legislation to prevent non-Australian citizens owning land in Australia **(EN4359)**

From 36 petitioners - requesting Mr Morrison be referred to the High Court as disqualified for election as a New Zealand citizen **(EN4361)**

***Petitions certified on 14 September 2022***

From 179 petitioners - requesting stricter laws to hold airlines accountable **(EN4362)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting 485 replacement stream for onshore visa holders **(EN4366)**

From 29 petitioners - requesting a change in Standing Order 38 to remove prayers **(EN4367)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting action to stop the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease **(EN4368)**

From 6 petitioners - requesting a change to the Australian flag **(EN4369)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting an increase in the Medicare rebate for all doctors and GPs **(EN4373)**

From 811 petitioners - requesting a Hawkesbury/NSW mitigation flood plan **(EN4377)**

From 17 petitioners - requesting the timeframes of 99-year lease agreements with overseas entities be reduced **(EN4379)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting amendment to the Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986 **(EN4381)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting legislation to confirm the definition of "clinical onset" **(EN4382)**

From 6687 petitioners - requesting medicinal cannabis products be listed on the PBS **(EN4383)**

From 29 petitioners - requesting the cost of general dental and dental procedures be lowered **(EN4385)**

From 44 petitioners - requesting a removal of the ban on nuclear energy **(EN4387)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting the age of criminal responsibility be raised **(EN4390)**

From 8 petitioners - requesting a new national Motorsport Strategy **(EN4392)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting the NDIS Chair be a person with a disability **(EN4393)**

From 1 petitioners - requesting continued drug and alcohol funding for Mallee-Murray **(EN4399)**

From 12 petitioners - requesting access to social security for regional skilled visa holders **(EN4400)**

From 84 petitioners - requesting more funding and help for carers **(EN4403)**

From 37 petitioners - requesting a stop to all methods of geoengineering in Australia **(EN4406)**

From 52 petitioners - requesting drug and alcohol testing for MPs **(EN4408)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting extension of rural locum pharmacists in extenuating circumstances **(EN4410)**

From 5169 petitioners - requesting the legalization of the consumption and growing of cannabis **(EN4411)**

From 16 petitioners - requesting help for the film and TV industry **(EN4414)**

From 48 petitioners - requesting the retention of bulk billing in Medicare **(EN4416)**

From 12 petitioners - requesting an investigation into the appointment to ministries of the Member for Cook **(EN4417)**

From 71 petitioners - requesting an urgent increase in Medicare rebates for general practice **(EN4418)**

From 2081 petitioners - requesting changes to visa requirements and processing for parents of Australians and Permanent Residents **(EN4419)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting plasma exchange clinics for patients with autoimmune dementia **(EN4420)**

From 11 petitioners - requesting clear labelling of food products **(EN4423)**

From 23 petitioners - requesting a referendum to change our Constitution to acknowledge First Nation peoples **(EN4425)**

From 20 petitioners - requesting censure of secret ministerial appointments **(EN4426)**

From 29 petitioners - requesting childcare subsidy for grandparents **(EN4430)**

From 37 petitioners - requesting censure of the Member for Cook for secret appointments to cabinet roles **(EN4432)**

From 666 petitioners - requesting changes to 491 visas **(EN4433)**

From 28265 petitioners - requesting an inquiry into best practice for children identifying as transgender **(EN4434)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting funding for improved facilities for AFL players and umpires **(EN4440)**

From 40 petitioners - requesting funding for research to save the endangered Baw Baw frog **(EN4441)**

From 13 petitioners - requesting changes to allow self-managed superannuation funds to make capital improvements to rental properties **(EN4442)**

From 40 petitioners - requesting a change to the national anthem to 'I Am You Are We Are Australian' **(EN4444)**

***Petitions certified on 28 September 2022***

From 272 petitioners - requesting the reduction of the three-year requirement for a 491-visa **(EN4448)**

From 1873 petitioners - requesting the Classifications Board to classify content containing non-consensual sexual acts **(EN4451)**

From 356 petitioners - requesting the Inland Rail Route be changed to bypass Wagga's centre **(EN4453)**

From 8 petitioners - requesting to stop the stage 3 tax cuts **(EN4454)**

From 36 petitioners - requesting NDIS funding extension for children turning 7 in 2022 **(EN4457)**

From 307 petitioners - requesting to stop the stage 3 tax cuts **(EN4458)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting food labelling changes to prevent non-meat products labelled as meat **(EN4459)**

From 13 petitioners - requesting the removal of Peter Dutton from Parliament on the grounds of disqualification **(EN4465)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting the removal of Mr Tudge from Parliament on the grounds of disqualification **(EN4466)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting new federal education legislation **(EN4467)**

From 14 petitioners - requesting a public holiday to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II **(EN4468)**

From 11 petitioners - requesting 485 visa extension for onshore visa holders during COVID-19 pandemic **(EN4469)**

From 8 petitioners - requesting Bitcoin should be considered foreign currency for tax purposes **(EN4470)**

From 2228 petitioners - requesting Steve Irwin on the \$5 Note **(EN4471)**

From 336 petitioners - requesting Steve Irwin on new \$5 notes **(EN4472)**

From 144 petitioners - requesting the new class of Australian Submarines be named the Holt Class **(EN4473)**

From 9057 petitioners - requesting financial assistance be provided to university students on extended placements **(EN4474)**

From 522 petitioners - requesting the provision of dialysis treatment buses **(EN4477)**

From 11 petitioners - requesting the appointment of HRH Prince William as Governor-General **(EN4478)**

From 13 petitioners - requesting Parliament to sit 140-160 days per year **(EN4480)**

From 48 petitioners - requesting a referendum on the republic **(EN4483)**

From 2180 petitioners - requesting a review of the decision to close Benalla Centrelink Office **(PN0541)**

From 151 petitioners - requesting repeal of the 1997 Euthanasia Act **(PN0542)**

From 1 petitioners - requesting a review of the Royal Commission into Banking **(PN0543)**

***Petitions certified on 26 October 2022***

From 20 petitioners – requesting intervention and support staff for disabled children in every school **(PN0544)**

**The following 8 ministerial responses to petitions were received:**

***Received by the Committee on 28 September 2022***

From the Minister for Education to a petition regarding the implementation of LCBTQIA+ education into the sex ed curriculum **(EN3892)**

From the Minister of Veterans' Affairs to a petition regarding review of DVA dental implant policy **(EN3937)**

***Received by the Committee on 26 October 2022***

From the Minister for the Arts to a petition requesting respect from the Federal Government for the contribution of creative industry **(EN1674)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Infrastructure to a petition regarding TGV train for Australian cities **(EN3432)**

From the Minister for Environment and Water to a petition regarding protection of Brumby population in all states and territories **(EN3929)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding MBS item for treatment options of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis **(EN4062)**

Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services to a petition regarding the removal of the fuel tax **(EN4085)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding the legalisation of cannabis **(EN4102)**

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